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Agenda Item #	8
Meeting Date	January 14, 2008
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Discussion Item	Discussion of Process to Develop a Recommendation on the Piney Branch Pool
Background	<p>An indoor swimming pool is attached to Piney Branch Elementary School. It has been operated by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation since 1971. The Silver Spring YMCA operated the pool under contract with the County between 2002 and 2007, but ceased operation in September 2007. The pool is closed at this time.</p> <p>The two major alternatives being discussed regarding the facility are to reopen the pool, or close the pool and convert the space to a gymnasium. Other alternatives may be considered. There are questions as to who would pay for needed capital repairs or alterations and who would operate the facility. The Montgomery County Council will begin considering the County's capital budget soon and it has been suggested that any recommendation made by the City of Takoma Park be shared with the County Council by mid-February.</p> <p>A process on gauging public sentiment should be established. Staff is gathering background information on the issues involved and would like to know if other information is desired to help the community and Council make a recommendation.</p>
Policy	The Takoma Park City Council makes recommendations on Montgomery County facilities that serve the Takoma Park community.
Fiscal Impact	n/a
Attachments	
Recommendation	Advise staff on additional information desired; discuss public process.
Special Consideration	