

The Akron Architectural Group

Braun & Steidl Architects ■ GPD Group ■ Hasenstab Architects, Inc. ■ Moody Nolan, Inc. ■ TC Architects, Incorporated ■ URS
AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Community Meeting #1
POR Phase
Betty Jane Community Learning Center
Tuesday, March 8, 2005 @ 6:00 P.M.

In Attendance

D. James.....	Akron Public Schools
J. George.....	Akron Public Schools
G. Taylor.....	Akron Public Schools
C. Balchak.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal.....	Akron Public Schools
M.J. Hoffman.....	Akron Public Schools
T. Long.....	City of Akron
S. Lukens.....	AAG
C. Matthai.....	AAG Interiors
E. Beach.....	AAG
H. Yellen.....	AAG

(There were many others but the roster was not received by this office)

Distribution

M. Salopek.....	AAG
D. Mitchell.....	AAG
D. James.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal.....	Akron Public Schools
K. Ingraham.....	Akron Public Schools
F. Herr.....	Akron Public Schools
L. Duncan.....	City of Akron
T. Long.....	City of Akron
M. Williamson.....	City of Akron
D. Krutz.....	RKPS

This meeting was scheduled to introduce the proposed project and the design team to the community. Burgess and Burgess provided a video and power point presentation to explain the entire process of how money has been allocated to the project, the master planning issues, and general design process starting with OSFC requirements to the individual requirements of each Community Learning Center.

David James and Tom Long explained the Akron Schools and City of Akron's involvement in the master planning of the district wide project. They also discussed the scope of the community involvement in each specific Community Learning Center. It was explained that there will be a series of community meetings and focus group meetings to discuss the design of the Community Learning Centers through multiple phases of design.

David James explained how funding is allocated to the schools. David explained that the state funds about 60% of the project and the city's local funding initiative, voted on by the community, pays for about 40% of the project.

Any additional funds for programming elements, (typically building area), over and above what has been allocated by the state will most likely have to be co-funded by a local community initiative or business.

Eric Beach discussed the programming process to the audience. Assisted through a series of slides, the preliminary design process that will be reviewed with the focus group(s) in the next few months. Eric reviewed the major components currently planned for the new Betty Jane Community Learning Center.

David James, Tom Long and Leo Jennings discussed how the proposed school can become a Community Learning Center and the community leaders are a key component to making this happen. Leo Jennings discussed "proposed partnering" with community businesses and organizations.

The meeting was closed with questions from the audience:

1. Someone asked how security would be handled considering the proposed community component of the school. It was stated that a security system will be provided but beyond that, the design of the building can facilitate security through building layout, lockable doors and security staffing.
2. The size of the school was questioned and how many students will the new school accommodate. David James stated that it will be more than 350 students but the exact number of students is not yet determined.

John George set up a sign-up sheet to invite the community to attend the focus group meetings for the initial layout of the proposed facility.

The next Community meeting is scheduled for 3/22/05 at 6:30 pm at the school.

The preceding is AAG's interpretation of the meeting. Any changes, additions, or clarifications should be forwarded to our office as soon as possible. Unless these changes are furnished within ten (10) working days, it will be understood that all parties are in agreement with the preceding statements.

Prepared by: Scott Lukens, AAG