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**AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Community Planning Meeting #1  
Helen Arnold Community Learning Center  
Thursday, March 4, 2004 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Marian Hall Community Center**

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In Attendance

K. Waller .....	AAG
D. Loomis .....	Akron Public Schools
J. George .....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal .....	Akron Public Schools
T. Long .....	City of Akron
T. Tatum .....	City of Akron
E. Paszt .....	RKPS
R. Hotchkiss .....	APS Staff
B. Cacioppo .....	APS Staff
T. Malcolm .....	APS Staff
A. Motter .....	APS Staff
G. Scott .....	APS Staff
W. Alexander .....	APS Staff
W. Jackson .....	APS Staff
E. Calhoun .....	CPT
I. Calhoun .....	CPT
E. Chambers .....	CPT
W. Tompkins .....	CPT
W. Stewart .....	CPT
F. Johnson .....	CPT
W. Chambers .....	CPT
M. Outley-Kelly .....	CPT
C. Lee .....	CPT
N. Kelly .....	CPT
H. Harris .....	CPT
G. Arnold .....	CPT
C. Walker .....	CPT
T. Moody .....	CPT
C. Evans .....	CPT
B. Wilson .....	CPT
C. Gore .....	CPT
E. Torry .....	CPT

## Distribution

### AAG Project Managers

M. Salopek.....	AAG
D. Mitchell.....	AAG
D. Loomis .....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal .....	Akron Public Schools
K. Ingram.....	Akron Public Schools
L. Duncan .....	City of Akron
T. Long .....	City of Akron
M. Williamson .....	City of Akron
D. Krutz .....	RKPS
L. Jennings .....	Burges and Burges
J. Berman .....	Concordia
B. Hill .....	Concordia

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The following is a review of items discussed at the meeting:

1. D. Loomis began introductions. K. Waller, J. George, and T. Long introduced themselves. All present followed with their introductions.
2. Several questions were raised regarding the diversification of professional design service commissions as well as construction contracts. D. Loomis responded that a committee has been formed to pursue these matters. Some members felt the composition of the committee was not an accurate reflection of the community and inquired about diversifying. D. Loomis agreed to relay the concerns to AAG and to relevant parties at APS. She also encouraged members in the CPT to voice their concerns to the School Board.
3. K. Waller described the various entities involved in the project. This was followed by discussing the definition of a Community Learning Center and giving a brief history of the district-wide school rebuilding planning process.
4. Members of the CPT asked how information regarding tonight s meeting was disseminated. Other members responded that they received fliers during door-to-door distribution and that announcements were made at area churches. Additionally, all who left their information at the Helen Arnold Kick-Off meeting were contacted. CPT members wanted to ensure the input from the community would be effectively included from the very beginning of the process and throughout every stage of the design schedule.
5. A team member asked why the planning for Helen Arnold is so far behind the planning for all the other schools in Segment 1. K. Waller responded that Helen Arnold is unique in that it is not just a new building, but a new school altogether. Consequently, there is no Principal or staff already in place to represent the interests of the school. Therefore, the process of assembling a Community Planning Team required the additional steps of contacting persons in the community as well as educators in the district.
6. K. Waller discussed some of the key features of the new facility and improvements over typical existing school buildings.

7. Team members wanted to know when school administrators will be introduced into the design process. K. Waller stated that school personnel will be involved when a staff for Helen Arnold CLC is established.
8. A template APS POR was distributed to the CPT. K. Waller asked those present to review it between tonight and the following meeting to be familiar with the document. A graphic companion document was also distributed so that CPT members could get a visual perspective of the components of the program.
9. The next meeting will be held 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2004 at the Marian Hall Community Center

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.