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**AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Community Planning Team Meeting #4  
Helen Arnold Community Learning Center  
Thursday, April 29, 2004 @ 5:30 p.m.  
At the Vernon Odom Library**

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In Attendance

C. Moody .....	AAG
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
B. Tompkins.....	Media
R. Hotchkiss .....	APS Staff
D. James .....	APS Staff
G. Stephens.....	RKPS
C. Walker.....	CPT
T. Moody.....	CPT
E. Torrey.....	CPT
A. Torrey.....	CPT
W. Tompkins.....	CPT
J. Calhoun .....	CPT
E. Calhoun.....	CPT
B. Harris.....	CPT
H. Harris .....	CPT
B. Wilson .....	CPT
P. Green .....	CPT
W. Frasier .....	CPT
C. Mays .....	CPT
A. Williams.....	CPT
C. Scott.....	CPT
L. Bluntt .....	CPT
C. Wallace .....	CPT
B. Caldwell.....	CPT
D. Grant.....	CPT
A. Bobo.....	CPT
S. Spooner .....	CPT

M. Mweusi ..... CPT  
 E. Stewart..... 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  
 B. Williams..... Akron Urban League

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

1. K. Waller opened the meeting re-capping the current status of the planning process. It was explained that planning meetings for Helen Arnold began later than those of the other Community Learning Centers. Consequently the planning for HACLC had to catch up to the others.
2. The planning team has determined how space within the building will be distributed. The APS, City of Akron, and the AUL need a dialogue to determine how space on the site will be distributed. Once that determination is made the planning process for the building will continue.
3. The existing pump house and 24" water line were discussed. K. Waller explained how it impacts the planning of the site and specifically where the building can and cannot be located.
4. C. Moody drew a site plan and illustrated several issues which the planning process must address. Such issues include parking for staff, parents/visitors, outdoor play area, access for service vehicles, and student safety. He stated that the planning team's scope of influence exists only on the parcel of land for the HACLC and the Akron Urban League. Plans for development on other parcels would have to be addressed through other parties like the City of Akron.
5. **Why is the CLC behind the Urban League?** C. Moody explained that the locations of the buildings reflect the difference between the needs of the HACLC and the AUL and how their respective users will access the facilities. The HACLC's positioning along Berry Ave isolates it from the volume of traffic and associated noise along V. Odom Blvd. He also emphasized that the design does not put the HACLC at the rear of the site, but rather creates another front door.
6. The team had concerns regarding dropping off students along Rhoades Ave. K. Waller explained that bringing a drive completely onto the site and separating it from the street provides a greater level of safety.

7. A planning team member suggested the purchase of Berry Ave and adjacent properties so as to provide more space for the school. C. Moody explained the impact from scheduling and fiscal complexities associated with such a decision.
8. H. Harris offered the use of his church's parking for overflow parking associated with HACLC.
9. **Where will the 450 students to be housed in HACLC come from?** The students in this CLC will come from the immediate area. This will eliminate the need to bus students out of the neighborhood.
10. **What happens when events are being held simultaneously at the AUL and the HACLC?** D. Loomis stated that language in the Joint Use Agreement addresses those issues.
11. C. Moody discussed the various activities in the HACLC building and how the relationships between them impact the layout of the building.
12. H. Harris asked if the group will have the opportunity to review individual schemes. C. Moody stated that review will begin once the POR has been approved. Designs will be presented in future meetings.
13. **Why is a pool not being provided?** T. Long replied that a pool would have to be totally funded by local resources because the OSFC does not participate in the construction of natatoriums. There are increased levels of liability associated with providing a pool.
14. C. Moody described his role in the project as lead designer.
15. Information for future meetings will be distributed to the community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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.