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**AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Community Planning Meeting #3**  
**Jennings Middle Community Learning Center**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2004**

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In Attendance

D. Spehar	AAG
D. Loomis	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal	Akron Public Schools
J. Taylor	Akron Public Schools
F. Cheatem	Akron Public Schools
C. Bannerman	Akron Public Schools
P. Long	Akron Public Schools
P. Lewis	Akron Public Schools
J. Cook	Akron Public Schools
B. Bugner	Akron Public Schools
D. Horrigan	City of Akron (City Council)
T. Long	City of Akron
J. Egan	City of Akron
R. Donatelli	City of Akron
S. Stock	CPT

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J. Taylor	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

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

- D. Spehar explained that two Roll-up Sleeves meetings have been held with J. Taylor, F. Cheatem and members of Jennings staff to review the Program Areas in the POR. A draft POR was distributed which reflected the results of these meetings. To assist the CPT in understanding the spaces to be included in the new facility D. Spehar presented block diagram slides which outlined each Program Area (see attached). The following comments were made:
  - M-AC Academic Core Spaces
    - § D. Spehar explained that the variance between the OSFC target square footage and the Draft POR does not mean that classrooms are being omitted. These classrooms have been assigned to other Program Areas (Special Education, Family and Consumer Science, etc.).
    - § Suggested that the classrooms should be arranged to allow for flexibility between grades as student population changes.
  - M-SE Special Education Spaces
    - § No comments.
  - M-AD Administrative Spaces
    - § T. Long explained that the Community Learning Center office planned in each building will be a Locally Funded Initiative (LFI). If approved, the plan is to provide a lockable office to be used by the City. All agreed that this office should be located near the community use areas it will service (gymnasium, auditoria, etc.).
  - M-MC Media Center Spaces
    - § No comments.
  - M-VA Visual Arts Spaces
    - § Comments were made that adequate lockable storage is needed if these spaces are to be shared with the community.
  - M-MU Music Spaces
    - § P. Long again voiced concern regarding the need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> music room Some options were discussed:
      - Possibly add extra storage near the stage if it is to be used for music.
      - Provide acoustic treatments in one of the larger classrooms (Modular Tech?).
      - J. Beal explained that the OSFC will not fund a 3<sup>rd</sup> room and the only way it could be added is through an LFI. P. Long to investigate possible funding sources.
  - M-TE Technology Education Spaces
    - § No comments.
  - M-FCS Family and Consumer Science Spaces
    - § No comments.
  - M-PE Physical Education Spaces
    - § The need for 2 gyms was discussed. J. Beal noted that the square footage of the new gym exceeds the total square footage of the 2 existing gyms.
    - § A partition and extra basketball hoops were requested which would split the gym in half and provide 2 half courts.
  - M-SD Student Dining Spaces
    - § D. Spehar explained that the Table Storage Room is sized to store all tables and chairs and it will be located adjacent to the Auditoria.
    - § It was suggested that the Auditoria be renamed to Caf Audi.
  - M-FS Food Service Spaces
    - § J. Beal explained that a Community Kitchen was not provided in the Middle Schools during the Master Planning process. This will be discussed at the Touchpoint meeting.
  - M-CU Custodial Spaces
    - § No comments.
  - M-BS Building Services

§ No comments.

- Community use and after school activities were discussed. F Cheatem distributed a list of current school programs (see attached). In addition, the following programs were discussed:
  - City Recreation Volleyball — Uses the gym Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm
  - City Recreation Basketball — M, T, W, F 6:30pm-9:30pm. This program is not currently in use although may be reinstated when a new gym is built.
  - City Recreation PeeWee Football — Uses the football field Saturdays in the Fall.
  - Jennings Track Team — Practice on the track.
  - APS Soccer — Use the football field.
- The site plan was discussed. D. Spehar presented a concept plan which incorporated the comments from the Community Planning Meeting #2 (see attached). The following comments were made:
  - Alternate site ingress/egress paths were discussed. If both are off Tallmadge more separation is required between the exit and Dayton. The AAG will also look at exiting onto Dayton. It was noted that a traffic impact study may need to be done to help determine the best paths and to determine if the current operation of the traffic signal at Dayton is adequate.
  - The proposed placement of the building was discussed. D. Spehar explained that it is a conceptual representation of a 3-story building at 106,000 sf. All agreed that the general location is appropriate. It provides adequate space between the new and existing buildings for parking, security, etc.
  - Much discussion was had regarding the track and field. Representatives from the City stated that they will assist in any way possible to maintain these amenities since they are an important link between the new Community Learning Center and the existing Patterson Park. Several options were discussed and all agreed that the most feasible solution is using the City owned land to the east. The AAG to investigate options for orienting the track and field utilizing this additional land. J. Beal noted that any additional sitework cost would be an LFI.
- J. Beal and D. Spehar stated that the following issues need to be resolved which will be address at the Touchpoint meeting on February 23, 2004:
  - Provide additional storage and/or acoustic treatments in a larger classroom for the music program.
  - Community Kitchen.
  - Relocation of existing track and practice field.
- The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 5:30pm.

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.