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## AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Community Planning Meeting #4**  
**Jennings Middle Community Learning Center**  
**Wednesday March 17, 2004**

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### In Attendance

D. Mitchell.....	AAG
D. Spehar.....	AAG
J. Beal.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Taylor.....	Akron Public Schools
F. Cheatem.....	Akron Public Schools
S. Hall.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Cook.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Crossland-Wells.....	Akron Public Schools
R. Smith.....	Akron Public Schools
E. Cameron.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Egan.....	City of Akron
P. Robinson.....	CPT
S. Stock.....	CPT

### Distribution

AAG Project Managers	
M. Salopek.....	AAG
D. Mitchell.....	AAG
D. Loomis.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal.....	Akron Public Schools
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. Mitchell explained that the final POR was reviewed at a meeting earlier in the day with D. Loomis and J. Tuckerman from the OSFC. The next step is for the AAG to make a formal submission of the POR to the City, APS and OSFC for final approval. Once approved the project will move into the Schematic Design phase. The Final POR was distributed which has

incorporated comments from all CPT and “Roll-up Sleeves” meetings. D. Spehar explained that some minor modifications were made since the last CPT meeting and then proceeded to present the block diagram slides from CPT meeting 3 with the changes to each Program Area outlined. The following is a summary of the changes:

- M-AC Academic Core Spaces
  - No modifications.
- M-SE Special Education Spaces
  - No modifications.
- M-AD Administrative Spaces
  - No modifications.
- M-MC Media Center Spaces
  - The size of the Computer Labs were reduced to 900sf to match a typical Classroom.
- M-VA Visual Arts Spaces
  - One Art Room will be equipped with acoustic treatments to serve as a third Music Room.
  - The 200sf Art Material Storage room was split to create separate instrument storage and the square footage of each storage room was increased to 150sf.
- M-MU Music Spaces
  - No modifications.
- M-TE Technology Education Spaces
  - The quantity of Storage Rooms was reduced to one at 150sf.
- M-FCS Family and Consumer Science Spaces
  - No modifications.
- M-PE Physical Education Spaces
  - The weight room was reduced to 300sf.
- M-SD Student Dining Spaces
  - No modifications.
- M-FS Food Service Spaces
  - The slide presented showed the addition of a Community Kitchen. It was determined at the meeting with D. Loomis and J. Tuckerman that it should be removed from the POR.
- M-CU Custodial Spaces
  - No modifications.
- M-BS Building Services
  - No modifications.
- The site plan was discussed. D. Spehar presented revised concept plans depicting a rotated multi-purpose field/track and an alternate plan retaining the existing Gym, Cafeteria, and Auditorium (see attached). The following comments were made:
  - D. Spehar explained that the size and positioning of the track/field is diagrammatic since property boundaries are not known. The plan appears feasible if the City’s property to the east is used although there would be considerable sitework cost to flatten the site and create a retaining wall along Dayton Street. All agreed that it was a good solution since it strengthens the relationship to Purvis Park. J. Beal stated that the OSFC will not fund a new track or any scope of work beyond creating a multi-purpose field on the existing school property. If this option was to be pursued it would need to be presented to the City/APS Joint Board to determine funding, maintenance, etc. The plan would also need to be reviewed by the City to verify easement limitations and other site considerations. D. Mitchell stated that a decision should be made as soon as possible to minimize unnecessary design and construction costs.
  - It was requested that the existing path from Dayton Street to Purvis Park be maintained. A more distinct path with steps up to Dayton connecting the track/field and the park will be investigated.

- All agreed that the track/field should not be fenced to allow community access at all times.
- It was recommended that the southwest corner of the site fronting Tallmadge and Dayton should be considered for a future location of a small community park.
- The Alternate Site Concept was reviewed which maintains the existing Gym, Cafeteria and Auditorium addition. The following comments were made:
  - The pros and cons of the concept were discussed at great length. In summary, all agreed that there is enough potential benefit in maintaining the building to warrant further discussions as the project progresses. D. Mitchell stated that site development options could be reviewed during Schematic Design. A decision is not needed until the final sitework package is implemented which is many years away (8-10). However it should be made as soon as possible to minimize unnecessary design and construction costs and to allow for the most optimum planning of the overall site development. J. Beal explained that this would need to be presented to the City/APS Joint Board to determine funding, maintenance, ownership, staffing, operations, renovation costs, etc. Since the OSFC will not fund any work beyond demolition all of these costs would be an LFI.
  - The usefulness of this facility to the City in this location was questioned.
  - Ownership options could include joint ownership between the City and APS, a lease agreement to the City or ownership by a community partner.
  - If maintained, the building would supplement community spaces within the new middle school, not replace them.
  - A question was raised regarding the cost to renovate the existing versus building new as part of the middle school. Although the costs are not known, It would be more cost effective to renovate since the addition has its own infrastructure (including new boilers), a fairly new roof, and a brick exterior.
- All agreed that the Alternate Site Concept with a community park and a link to Purvis Park would create a strong community gathering center. As the project moves into Schematic Design the AAG will work with the APS Architect's office to further review the feasibility of these ideas.
- A follow-up meeting was not scheduled. Once the POR is approved and Schematic Design starts the AAG will coordinate another meeting.

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.