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AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Schematic Design

Community Planning Meeting #1

Fairlawn Community Learning Center

Tuesday, June 29, 2004 @ 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance

T. Long.....	City of Akron
B. Duncan.....	City of Akron
D. Gasper.....	City of Akron
S. Lukens.....	AAG
Fred Herr.....	Akron Public Schools
D. James.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal.....	Akron Public Schools
T. Nguyen.....	Akron Public Schools
M.J. Essig-Marksz.....	Akron Public Schools
M.J. Hoffman.....	Akron Public Schools
D. Pancoe.....	Akron Public Schools
Z. McClish.....	Akron Public Schools
S. Blach.....	CPT
J. Schultz.....	CPT
L. Michel.....	CPT
D. Dowling.....	CPT
M. Becker.....	CPT
H. Bowie.....	CPT
K. Allen.....	CPT
K. Folkerth.....	CPT
P. Keener.....	CPT
B. Tompkins.....	CPT
L. Eisinger.....	CPT

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L. Duncan.....	City of Akron
T. Long.....	City of Akron
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The following is a review of items discussed at the meeting:

- Jim Beal introduced the Project Team to the audience.
- Scott Lukens introduced the Agenda to the audience.
- S. Lukens presented a series of site development slides to explain the most important issues to address concerning site development. The major issues are:
 1. Child safety (separate play areas and parking).
 2. Maintain the front lawn, trees and green space.
 3. Maintain current building setback.
 4. Provide adequate drop-off/pick-up area at the front of the building.
 5. Traffic control to and from the property.
- S. Lukens presented the Design Team's solution to these issues:
 1. The proposed new building is sited near the current building location.
 2. Meadowcroft is interrupted, no longer bisecting the site while providing a loop drop-off in front of the building.
 3. Front yard green space is maintained.
 4. Parking in place to the east and play areas to the west.

Scott explained that the Site Design is endorsed by the Akron Planning Department, Akron Traffic Engineering, The Akron Public Schools, and the neighboring Church.

- S. Lukens stated that the City Traffic Engineer believes that angled parking within the loop is as safe, or safer, than the loop with central green space. The Traffic engineer also stated that he would support a 'smart traffic light' at the Meadowcroft egress/exit point, and a three lane egress/exit lane is acceptable, allowing two exit lanes and one entrance lane.
- Generally the Site Plan was approved by the audience with the following questions or comments:
 1. Would a crosswalk be included at the new traffic light location? **Yes.**
 2. Would the soccer field in the front yard require removal of trees. ***Probably Not. There are various sizes of soccer fields that are recommended by the City's Recreation Department. We will try to use a size that will miss the trees.***
 3. Will there be parent volunteer parking within the staff parking lot? ***Yes. Currently there are about 50 parking spaces; we will provide about 65 spaces in the staff lot. The loop parking is for pick-up/drop-off and after hours Community parking only. Short-term parent volunteer parking may be allowed around the loop.***
 4. Is the new building at the same angle to Market Street as the existing build? ***Yes. Maybe 5' to 10' closer and more to the east than the existing building.***
- S. Lukens presented a schematic floor plan design to the group, explaining that it represents progress only, and is not complete. It indicates room sizes, room relationships, and plan organization.

- The schematic plan was generally accepted with the following comments or questions:
 1. How will security issues be handled? *Scott explained that the building requires a certain amount of exits for safety and to meet Ohio Building Code, but we strive to control the amount of entrances to the building for security control. Jim Beal stated the OSFC has an ample budget for security technology.*
 2. How will Community access be controlled? *In the evening, only the front doors will be open. The classroom wings can be locked and a Community office is strategically placed to view traffic in and out of the building. During the school day, the Administration Offices near the entry are placed to view all traffic.*
- David James presented the proposal to use 400 W. Market Street as swing space. This plan was generally approved by the group.
- David James stated that 400 W. Market Street will be used for two school swing spaces simultaneously, and can be used also as a "construction office" which will be totally separated from educational areas.
- David James stated that 400 West Market Street can be used for School Administration space in the future, or sold.

The next Community Planning Team Meeting was scheduled for August 5, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest 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.

Prepared by: Scott Lukens, AAG