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AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Community Planning Meeting #4
Fairlawn Elementary Community Learning Center
Thursday, February 12, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.**

In Attendance

D. Mitchell.....	AAG
S. Lukens.....	AAG
D. Check.....	AAG
F. Herr	Akron Public Schools
S. Mink	Akron Public Schools
D. James	Akron Public Schools
A. Warzinski.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal	Akron Public Schools
D. Pancoe.....	Akron Public Schools
K. Brandt.....	APS
S. Shulan.....	APS
P. Green	APS
D. McNeil.....	APS
T. Long	City of Akron
L. Duncan	City of Akron
B. Keith.....	Councilman
M.J. Hoffman	CPT
D. Dempster	CPT
N. Rosenfeld.....	CPT
S. Rosenfeld.....	CPT
S. Albrecht.....	CPT
J. Bell.....	CPT
B. Grieves.....	CPT
L. Grieves	CPT
J. Porter.....	CPT
D. Roush.....	CPT
M. Marks.....	CPT
D. Schubert.....	CPT
J. Schubert	CPT
K. Saxon.....	CPT
H. Weil.....	CPT
J. Keener	CPT
B. Tompkins.....	CPT

R. Long.....	CPT
B. Spannbauer.....	CPT
M. Spannbauer.....	CPT
M. Pantuso.....	CPT
T. Kyner.....	CPT
J. Breeding.....	CPT
C. Carr.....	CPT
M. Rosenfeld.....	CPT
D. Dowling.....	CPT
H. Chapman.....	CPT
D. Marks.....	CPT
M. Messmore.....	CPT
B. Taylor.....	CPT
H. Bowie.....	CPT
M. Deal.....	CPT
B. Silver.....	CPT
P. Keener.....	CPT
L. Urda.....	CPT
G. Urda.....	CPT
L. Eisinger.....	CPT
K. Davis.....	CPT
N. Rosenfeld.....	CPT
J. Bishop.....	CPT
B. Bishop.....	CPT
R. Sterns.....	CPT
B. Duncan.....	CPT
E. Beach.....	CPT
K. Davis.....	CPT
A. Roth.....	CPT
K. Allen.....	CPT
R. Fein.....	CPT
H. Sterns.....	CPT
R Keener.....	CPT
K. Folkerth.....	CPT
A. Warzinski.....	CPT

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D. Mitchell.....	AAG
D. Loomis.....	Akron Public Schools
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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

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

- D. James introduced Councilman Bob Keith and the planning team.
- S. Lukens presented the site plan that was preferred from the group at the last meeting and asked the audience to discuss site issues. The following are the major site issues discussed by the group:
 - Loading and unloading of children by passenger car is a major concern. Currently, at pick up time, cars line both sides of Meadowcroft for its entire length. This includes 2 Day Care vans and 1 Special Ed. Van.
 - The left turn exit from Meadowcroft, especially in the evening, is congested with a backup length as much as 15 cars.
 - Current parking is inadequate to handle parking requirements. Sandy Mink thinks that the school needs 100 to 110 parking spaces.
- Some suggestions to solve the problems mentioned above are as follows:
 - A traffic light could help control traffic at the west end of Meadowcroft and also possibly at the east end. Vehicle activation devices were suggested to help control traffic.
 - Angled parking was suggested to help alleviate loading problems.
 - The church parking lot is available for overflow parking.
 - A parking lot along the east portion of the site was suggested adjacent to the existing church lot.
 - Someone questioned if Meadowcroft could be re-routed in front of the new school. This would eliminate some of the front yard green space.
 - A pull-off lane along Market Street was suggested.

Scott Lukens stated that the perceived vote to build a new school vs. renovate the existing building was not actually a vote. It was the design team's attempt to get the group's consensus on the direction of the master plan. Scott apologized for inadvertently misleading anyone and said that only the Joint Use Committee can make a change to the Master Plan.

- The question of renovation vs. a new school building was re-addressed by the audience. D. James stated that the Community Planning Team couldn't change the master plan. Only the Joint Use Committee can change the master plan. The CPT can recommend to the Joint Use Committee. Therefore, the debate to renovate vs. replace Fairlawn School or to change the swing space plans should be taken to the Joint Use Committee.
- Dana Mitchell stated that should the Joint Board decide to change the master plan to renovate, we would meet again, about a year from now, and resume this POR process using data obtained this year, but redirected towards a renovated building.
- Several people in the audience requested information to address the Joint Use Committee to find an alternate site for swing space for the Fairlawn students, and for students of other schools, allowing the new building to be built at the existing school location.
- Dana Mitchell presented a slide indicating the process required to change the master plan. Currently, the master plan includes a new school on the Fairlawn site, the old school as swing

space for Fairlawn students, and 3 additional groups of students. The city and the school district are currently searching for a swing site for Fairlawn and other schools in the district.

- Tom long stated that Master planning meetings for the Akron schools were scheduled previously and open to the public.
- Scott Lukens presented results of the focus group meetings with the Fairlawn staff that were designed to review the program guidelines produced from the OSFC and the Akron Public Schools. Scott informed the group that the proposed program appears to accommodate the needs of the Fairlawn Community Learning Center fairly well. Mostly, additional storage was requested.
- Scott presented Supplemental Curricular Activities currently in place at Fairlawn. Scott explained that the focus group is attempting to assign program space to all of these activities. At least one more focus group meeting will be held to work on this issue. Space for the Book Fair, Gifted and Talented programs and Instruments/strings has not been resolved.
- Scott Discussed suggested community activities. The local community center needs space for Yoga, Pilates and light fitness exercises. Scott explained that exercise routines that require little or no equipment would be easier to accommodate at the proposed Fairlawn Community Center because of limited storage space.
- Computer training space was also requested. It was explained that a computer lab is not in the program. Maybe portable computers could be brought in for training.
- Scott explained that outdoor Soccer, Continuing Education, and Chef Training were suggested. Chef training will probably take private funding. Currently, City recreation occurs in the gym 4 days per week, mostly in the winter months.
- Someone questioned why Portage Path was saved and not Fairlawn. Jim Beal explained that a variance was granted for Portage Path in the master-planning phase.
- It was suggested that the Fairlawn Community Center be designed as a disaster relief center. David James stated that this would be considered.
- The Next Meeting was Scheduled for March 4, 2004.

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.