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Schematic Design Community Planning Team Meeting #1
Voris Community Learning Center
Wednesday June 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

K. Waller.....	AAG
J. Guldenzopf.....	AAG
R. Heimbaugh.....	Akron Public Schools
F. Herr.....	Akron Public Schools
R. Mikula.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Carter.....	School Staff
J. Bucy.....	School Staff
L. Ereth.....	School Staff
B. Duncan.....	School Staff
D. Holm.....	CPT
R. Holm.....	CPT
S. Carr.....	CPT
C. Coffey.....	CPT
M. Church.....	CPT

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AAG Project Managers	
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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:

1. K. Waller & J. Guldenzopf presented 2 options for the exterior appearance of the building. Scheme A is more contemporary in nature with sloping roofs, clerestory windows and larger window openings. Scheme B has similarities to the existing building. It is articulated with larger, rectilinear masses, flat roofs and smaller windows with the look of divided lights. Both schemes use canopies to punctuate the main entrance.
2. R. Heimbaugh asked what could be done to "soften" the appearance of Scheme B. J. Guldenzopf replied that it could be possible to introduce some adjustments to offset its monolithic appearance.
3. **Where will the furnace be located?** K. Waller identified areas in the building where mechanical equipment will be housed.
4. **What are the maintenance costs of flat roofs vs. sloped roofs?** F. Herr replied that the maintenance costs for any roof will be impacted by the quality of the roof installation and the diligence with which the roof is monitored and maintained during its life cycle.
5. **What would the roofing materials be in Scheme A?** Ideally, a metal roof would be used. However if the metal roofing could not be covered in the budget another alternative would be single-ply membrane.
6. F. Herr noted that the variation in the heights of the roof forms in Scheme A help to bring the building down to a more residential scale. This contrasts with the austerity of Scheme B.
7. A CPT member stated that Scheme B has a dark, "institutional" feel and does not appear very inviting to children. Many in the CPT agreed. Other members appreciated its resemblance to the existing structure.
8. CPT members thought Scheme A appeared less monolithic. The use of areas of lighter brick hue creates a more inviting appearance.
9. S. Carr suggested providing more vestibule space at the point of arrival for pre-function and post-function congregating. F. Herr and K. Waller explained that OSFC guidelines establish limits on the amount of corridor space that can be provided in the CLC.
10. **Will the YMCA have an indoor pool?** F. Herr replied that it will depend on the amount of funding available to them.
11. K. Waller described the approach for picking up and dropping off students along the 1-way drive. Concerns about congestion on the site were raised. Staggering the school schedules will offset the amount of traffic volume when students are being picked up and dropped off.
12. **Can some elements of the existing building be maintained?** F. Herr explained that the terra cotta banding around the existing building is in such poor condition that transplanting any meaningful quantity of it may be impossible. K. Waller explained that we may be able to provide some decorative treatments to the building similar to the masonry at Worley.
13. Another meeting to review the exterior of the building was tentatively scheduled for June 23 at 6:00 p.m.
14. CPT would like to see a third scheme which incorporates some of the preferred elements of both Schemes A & B.

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.