



Project Advisory Team Meeting
Booker T Washington High School

DATE/TIME: October 8, 2013

LOCATION: Booker T. Washington High School

ATTENDEES: LaShonda Bilbo-Ervin, Barbra J. Pierce, Ryan Cozad, Martin Lavergne, Tara Manning, Tanya Debose, Sammy Dyer, Lorraine Gibbs, Carona Burns, Noe' Resendiz, Kathy Moreland, Princess Jenkins, Sue Robertson, Jim Hepburn, Stephanie Nellons-Page, Michael Hall, Larry Hill, Bob Myers, Licia Green, Charla Remen Schneider, Jada Davis, Tameera Frazier, Ryan Beard, Trween Landry, Carlos Galvan, Juan Ramirez, Sabona Simban, Francisco Lantreras, Robert Sands

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting focused was to review the site design options for Booker T. Washington High School.

AGENDA:

- Discuss Site Configuration
- Discuss Community Outreach Meeting

NOTES:

Discussion:

1. Fanning Howie-House Partners Architect, Ed Schmidt, opened introductions and welcomed the PAT members and students.
2. Ed Schmidt presented the site plan options to the PAT. Flexibility and function of the site were the main topics of discussion among the PAT members. After a close look at each layout the PAT members had questions.
 - a) Scheme (A)
 - All new buildings are located on the newly acquired property.
 - The new campus can be constructed without interruption of the existing campus.
 - Buildings are oriented with predominant north/south exposure which is optimal to reduce solar heat gain.
 - There will be a new main access drive entering from Yale Street at the southern end of the existing site and running north to the main entrance of the new building.
 - i. The PAT members were pleased that the construction would not interfere with the existing campus. It was commented that the site plan made more sense considering the traffic flow. It also looks as if the school itself will have more room. With this layout better security for the students can be implemented. The football field, which is only a few years old, would get a small facelift along with new baseball and multi-purpose fields.
 - b) Scheme (B)
 - The buildings are the same as Scheme (A) except the Athletic Building is located on the left.
 - The new campus is located on the east side of the existing property and is oriented with predominant east/west exposure. This is approximately 90 degrees to the Scheme (A) orientation.
 - The buildings are sited on the existing track and football field. A new track and field would be constructed on the new property to the north.
 - All building fronts face Yale Street and the main access driveway is centered on the new building.
 - Some demolition of the existing campus would be required to complete the new construction. This would require a phased construction plan.
 - i. The PAT members were concerned that it would make the site feel crowded and cramped. Parking areas may not be as convenient for students, teachers, parents and administrators. Breaking up the parking areas into three separate areas would be needed to accommodate high traffic during simultaneous athletic activities. A traffic

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study should be done in either case. Construction traffic due to phasing of the work would cause disruption in traffic flow and would be a cause of concern for bus route and pedestrians. With the school building facing Yale Street the PAT members did feel that this first look would make an impression on the community. They were reassured by the Architects that from all directions the vision of the building would be iconic.

- c) A concern about the site elevation to avoid potential flooding was discussed. The drainage plan in the design addresses the 100 year and 500 year floodplains. The land has an existing slope of 1-6" from the northwest corner to the southeast corner. There are two existing drainage areas; the channel and a ditch that flows into the channel.
3. Principal Bilbo-Ervin asked the PAT and students for a show of hands on which site plan that they would like to see on their campus. The PAT and students favored Scheme (A). She thanked the PAT members for their dedication to the campus and praised all the students who helped make the decision.
4. A briefing on the Community Meeting and the PowerPoint Presentation was given. Students were grouped at the presentation boards and mentored by one of the Architects for the questions that may arise from the community during the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next PAT meeting is November 12, 2013 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

Please review the meeting minutes and submit any changes or corrections to Amanda Goodie. After five (5) days, the minutes will be assumed to be accurate.

Sincerely,

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