

Career Center Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

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Meeting No. 12

Date: June 13, 2018

Location: Arlington Career Center

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+ Attached List of Attendees

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- Slide 17, Phase 1C: Concern with cars moving in and out on the S. Highland St side of the property, if the shops are relocated there. Would still like to see the cars and traffic come in on the S. Walter Reed and 9th Street sides.
 - Slide 18, Phase 1C: The drawing does not show the two buildings (original CC and the CTE addition) as connected – it makes sense to connect these two buildings. Can also make use of the roof spaces better if the buildings are connected. Area B is preferred by the majority of the CCWG members for building – massing should be closer to S. Walter Reed on 9th street. Area A can be used for interim parking, and then plan for swimming pool on Area A site and include green space or small field above the pool.
 - General Questions:
 - If Area B is built, where does the Teen Parenting Day Care and playground for those students get built?
 - Are the shop sizes being reduced when they are relocated? Do we intend to do that? The details and consequences of this for the program need to be thought out.
 - What services would we like to see retained and make sure we build for them.
 - What is the goal of this presentation? How has our input been incorporated and how are our voices being heard and reflected?
 - Will the approach to the shops be on 9th Street and not on S. Highland?

- What is the cost per space if Section A along 9th Street is used for parking? How many spaces would that produce (either interim or long-term). Can we close 9th street for construction staging? Can more spaces in the ECDC garage be used for parking?
- Don't build the garage and parking in a way in which the field cannot be rotated 90 degrees at a later time, and a track added.
- Concerns expressed about field area:
 - Afraid it will look like a prison yard with netting and fencing
 - Need to make sure we use roofs for green space, sports (or greenhouse) to get more use of the space and complement the field – all are potential uses.
 - Plan to rotate the field at a later date to provide more space for bleachers, etc.
 - Should we put off the building of the field to see if Montessori could be moved offsite, and then the field could be placed and built where we would like to see it long-term?
- How are the CTE programs going to evolve? Is there a plan to increase those seats as student population across the County increases? APS needs to plan for this, either at the Career Center or at the other high schools. This concern needs to be included as a discussion in the report.
- The totals discussed in Group 2 Discussion ranged from 2500-3000 students – some felt that another set of 800 students could potentially be placed on this site (many felt once amenities were delivered). If ECDC is obtained and ACHS, Library and Montessori are relocated, the number of high school students on the north block could be increased.
- CCWG members expressed that they need additional time to consider and discuss these questions.
- CCWG members would like to recommend follow-on studies dealing with Transportation (to include transit options and parking) and Field Space (usage of all fields across the County, and better coordination between County and APS on how fields are used and allocated – this needs to be more seamless).