



SCNA meeting with Paul Bauknight, Steve Lisk

August 6th, 2007

Creekview Park

Attendees: Brock Hanson, Jeff Johnson, Ann Kaari, Buzzy Bohn, Amy Luesebrink,

Guests: Paul Bauknight, Steve Lisk

1. School Reuse: Paul Bauknight

- a. 12 school closed properties.
- b. Developing a strategic plan to deal with it.
- c. Trying to be intentional with recommendations, and connect community assets with the board
- d. Have met with MHA, Zoning, CM's, Mayor
- e. Distributed Building Reuse & Development Process
- f. School Board will vote August 14th on the criteria.
- g. Only one successful reuse: Hamilton
- h. Trying to go to community first
- i. Due to limited previous scope got limited RFP's last time that didn't match
- j. Communities' first choice everywhere is to not tear their school down.

2. Consultants have a 4 phase plan:

- a. Phase I Due diligence info collection and meetings,
- b. Phase II Real Estate evaluation. Small group meetings,
- c. Phase III Larger community dialogues, Goal: Get from community to do brainstorming, Needs, Wants, Opportunities, Then will craft options that fit. Will come back and showcase what they come up with. Then go to the board. Recommended use.
- d. Phase IV: So then will come back from the Board and Implement: Finalizing which ever direction and do community wrap-up
- e. Timeline is this fall to be going to community. Bigger meetings early September. One during the week and one on a Saturday. Trying to pull some meetings regarding two schools together. 7 areas to have meetings.
- f. What is the direction from the CM's, Mayor: How will this be different than last time? Will you make sure the community is involved in this? Most happy its being looked at strategically.
- g. Structured approach: Looking at Sites, housing, building eval, accessibility, transportation, location, debt, reusable for anything? From a property standpoint SC newer than Jordan Park
- h. Hazel Reinheart: MN Statistician looking at housing and values, Have to use the building can't leave it sit. Trying to look at schools from a developers perspective as well.

3. SC and School Reuse Community Feedback:

- a. **Ann Kaari:** 25 years perspective on the system:
 - i. Council Rainville adamant years ago: No housing on site at Hamilton
 - ii. Opening/Closing schools is a historical roller coaster ride.
 - iii. In community there is a huge need for senior housing, and for youth programming in Camden neighborhood
 - iv. SC Environmental Magnet: If had put money into it more students would have come.

- viii. Need a stronger political will to put in what needs to come
- ix. Schools become so important
- b. Jeff Johnson: Gives history:** SC most secure building there is, Built in 1957. Designed to be centerpiece of the neighborhood. Built solid. Need real assessment of the property. Is this a scare tactic threatening to raze SCEN? Ideas for possible reuse: Headstart program, Cop shop, Park Board Police Department, demographics change,
- c. Brock Hanson:** Shingle Creek is one of the safest neighborhoods similar to Victory. Humboldt Greenway folks need better amenities to be attracted to our neighborhoods. Stronger economic investments would help. Potential Partners: Lisc, Youth Center
- d. Need information:**
 - i. How many kids are attending schools in Brooklyn Center from N Minneapolis
 - ii. How many kids in the Choice is yours program?
 - iii. How many N Minneapolis residents sending their children to MPS public schools? We need people putting students in stability.
 - iv. Mr. Lisk states number of youth after 11th grade the demographics show we wont have the same numbers as before.
 - v. Why doesn't this area have more service businesses?
- e. Residents Feedback from others:**
 - i. People are leery in North Minneapolis about MPS and putting their children in MPS. Residents say beware the repeating cycle. And the LACK of STABILITY. Even Principals change every year?? Why would I put my child in that?
 - ii. SCNA would love to find reuses, YEP project youth state they want more safe places to hang. One-on-one learning ie: Sylvan education Q: Is there a need for more programs or more places? A: Both.
 - iii. Parks and schools could work more closely together would help.
 - iv. Residents stress please don't do this over and over again to us again
- e. Consultant Feedback:**
 - i. If there are partners out there that can take over the building to find permanent solutions. If keep half empty schools or shuttered then can't teach in them in 15-20 years.
 - ii. We realize some people in the buildings and at MPS are not "nice and welcoming" MPS is working on that.
 - iii. MPS willing to leverage the building to create other opportunities.
 - iv. Why doesn't this area have more service businesses?
 - v. Are there partners out there.
 - vi. Nov/Oct is the timeline the consultants are working with.
 - viii. Next Steps: Two meetings with Broader community Sept/October:

4. Adjourn at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Amy Luesebrink
 SCNA staff