

Dunbar

Thursday, April 28, 2011

5:30pm-7:15pm

19 attendees

BREAKOUT SESSION (DC & DB)

Site Significance

- Husband's grandmother had house on site
- Dated women from the neighborhood in high school
- Sen. Wilson, Alvin Brooks, Will McCarther, and Kenneth Ray attended school
- School was well respected and welcomed by the community

Strengths

- Reuse will bring neighborhood together
- Potential for housing development in the area - views
- Can be a place for the community's benefit, skills, etc.
- Size is not overwhelming
- Building is in excellent condition
- Great public space for the community

Challenges (Interim solutions in blue)

- People dump in the community-- solution: signs and cameras, partner with community group, notify the district of dumping
- Small parking lot (when functions held at the school, people parked on neighbors lawns)
- Use proposed is use (final) -- solution: expand outreach and communication
- Neighbors should be involved-- solution: distribute district phone numbers for security and maintenance
- Fence needs repair
- HVAC on roof - security issue – easy access for thieves

Community Needs

- Attract/retain young families
- Day care
- Teen pregnancy/ infant care
- Male mentoring program
- Close access to food source
- Family support
- English language (Hispanic)
- Jobs

- Financial counseling (literacy)
- Career counseling/ life skills
- Services for homeless children
- Senior services
- Full community center for everyone (flexible)

Reuse Options (that could address community needs)

- Grocery store
- Community garden
- Food pantry
- Co-locating service providers
- Housing for homeless
- Community outreach and training center
- Recreation center (community center)
- Multi-purpose center
- Day care
- Before and after school care
- Emergency housing
- Job center
- Feedback on informal proposals received by the district (those not already discussed by attendees)
 - Teen foster care -- Not positive