Douglass

2640 Belleview Avenue

Historical Brief

Architect: Kivett & Myers Architects Architectural Style: Modern Year Built: 1952 Designation: Eligible

Site Overview

Acreage: 1.87 acres Square Footage: 36,466 square feet Number of Floors: 3 floors Neighborhood: Westside Zoning: R-6 Deed Restrictions: TBD

Site Details

Closed in 2010 21 classrooms/ 330 seats Partial A/C 2 steam heat boilers Gymnasium Cafeteria

Cost Management

Utility Costs (as an Open Facility): \$3,600/month

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Reuse Assessment

Condition Rating: 4 out of 5

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Historic Rating: 4 out of 5
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Reuse Potential Rating:

High

Education (Public)

- Med
 - Commercial

Low

- Residential
- Demolition

Complimentary/Secondary Uses

Community (Use of Grounds, Building)



Aerial View: Douglass



Floor Plans:



Final Recommendations & Community Priorities

Douglass is in good condition and could be reopened as a school with minimal improvements/renovations.

Community members strongly support reuse of the site as a public high school. While the building was not designed for the specialized functions required for a middle or high school, this could be accommodated with additional renovation.

Feedback during public meetings also indicated that there is interest in community access/use of Douglass (as a secondary use of the site) for such things as community meetings, gym access, playground access, night school (GED, ESL, adult literacy), etc.

Although community members identified a need for additional residential supply (specifically senior housing), they have stressed that the site would better serve the community as it was originally intended -- as a school.

The building is not a good candidate for demolition: it is in good condition, could be reopened with minimal improvements for a use that has strong community support.





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Interior Photograph



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