

Franklin

Thursday, April 14, 2011

5:30 – 7:30pm

28 Attendees

BREAKOUT SESSION (SKB)

Site significance

- Teachers were caring and knew all of your siblings
- Teachers were invested in the students
- First school with no windows/pods: very modern, didn't even notice back then
- Discipline started with the Principal and moved down
- Teachers had a high standard with zero tolerance for disruptions
- People respect this school, don't vandalize it
- Chester A Franklin was a teacher during desegregation. Known to be a tough strong educator
- Ivanhoe - both schools are now closed. This is very unforgivable and embarrassing to not have a school in your neighborhood
- Grandparent - it's hard to work through the process and get your kid in a school

Strengths

- Large structure
- Collapsible walls/ flexible/intimate
- Resources- gym, auditorium, cafeteria, library
- Playground
- Elevator
- Dropped room
- No graffiti
- The lack of windows are not distracting and give incentive to go outside

Challenges

- Needs new wiring – [solution: end user makes improvement to the site which would improve market value and gets an incentive in return \(lease price reduction\) i.e. wiring for computers](#)
- Poor physical condition
- Lack of windows
- Empty building = blight or vandalism – [solution: meet and greet to get community involved](#)
- Low market value of homes

Community Needs

- Exposure to community arts/ activity
- Safe place for children of all ages
- Stability

- New residents
- Pride
- Meeting place
- Maintenance
- Public safety
- Financial resources
- Sign of community
- Center for activity
- Teach children art and creativity
- Create connections between generations
- Access to food, educate on healthy habits, foods, commerce—“food desert”
- Jobs/ transition
- Children learn with their perspectives
- Fill empty lots/ houses

Reuse Options (that could address community needs)

- School, elementary K-6, pre-K?
- Community center
- Senior nursing center/ multigenerational day care
- Community garden
- Farmers market, way to sell fresh food
- After school center
- Walking path
- Arts center/ education
- Trade school, evening availability, adult education on computers
- Meeting facility
- Art space for elementary school
- Music conservatory: may be more beneficial to the greater community than to the neighborhood