

Marlborough

Thursday, April 21, 2011

5:30 -7:30pm

18+ attendees

BREAKOUT SESSION (DC)

Site Significance

- Remembers when JFK was assassinated
- Drills for home defense
- Drives to help out Korean War
- Jean Harlow rode pony to this school

Strengths

- Structure is sound
- Good transportation on Troost/Paseo, 75th is major arterial
- Mixed Neighborhood - some stability, but some tenant challenge
- Smaller size makes it easier to market
- Auditorium and gym could be useful to community- separated is better for performance
- Classrooms are a good size and have windows

Challenges (Solutions in blue)

- The building had 2 additions- could cause problems with HVAC
- Environmental issues: asbestos, lead paint ([inspection/assessment to catalog problems](#))
- Not ADA accessible ([repair loose handrails, install ramps or stair lifts](#))
- Size of investment to waterproof/HVAC
- People moving out of neighborhood ([good reuse of building, investment off of Troost/Cleaver. Could attract buyers, renters of space, YMCA too far](#))

Community Needs

- Walking access to nutritional food- or short drive
- Quality education- public schools serves neighborhood
- Attract people to single family housing available, but need something to keep people
- Entertainment- something for people to do- skate park, bike path, music, theatre
- To fuel something positive, pride in neighborhood, importance to wider area
- Green space usable by community
- Draw people back to create critical mass

Reuse Options (that could address community needs)

- Grocery store/community garden
- School
- Cultural arts center
- Building used for community purpose- gym, auditorium, and other recreational functions
- Bike path on grounds
- Active use of building
- Park or other greenspace, fitness, playground
- Company that needs a compact space and could employ people here (office-high tech-certain kinds of clean meetings/packages
- Technical school
- Church/Institution
- Healthcare providers
- Assisted living
- Couple groups
- Housing- but has to be a catalyst to draw people into neighborhood- as part of mixed use space

Parking Lot (Technical or other questions to address at the next meeting)

- None