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Jody

Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Yes

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

I was heart broken to see how it was let go to the point that it was destroyed. I was also surprised that there is still confidential information of students and staff.

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

Has an engineer team gone through the building and given an estimate of what it would cost to renovate?

Do you have any recommendations for the agenda or focus of upcoming sessions? Consider information or insights that would be helpful to your understanding of the building or the process of executing on an idea you have.

Were are we financially for this project at this point?

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

I would like to discuss how we could possibly close and sell at least two of our buildings that are not really schools and possibly move to WP. I would also like to bring back our VO-Tech school to that property.

Please share any additional points of feedback you have that are not covered in the questions above.

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Name

Audry Carter

Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Yes. It will be helpful to have guidelines as to what we hope to discuss at each future meeting so that we can come prepared.

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

I did not participate

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

N/A

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Range of Options and metrics under which to judge each of them. We would then have to identify any additional information needed to render an opinion.

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

Like others, I have many which run the gamut of demolition to renovate/repurpose. One idea that I'd like to add to the mix given that cost should be a factor in each option: Give away the property (all or some of the acreage, with a proviso that some part of the main building be preserved in perpetuity. This technically would have a positive bottom line. Demolition - potential \$2 million sale of property would net a \$4 million savings. [I've forgotten demo cost - putting it at \$6m for sake of example.]

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1. Need schematic of school floor plan, including courtyards and out buildings, to help to develop sound plan for adaptive re-use; 2. Need confirmation that PA Dept. of Education will honor decision made by the task force; 3. Need approximation of what are funding sources and possible available funds going forward.

Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Too soon to tell.

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

The building clearly needs to be cleaned up, but the structure, floors and support walls appear to be sound. The classroom wooden floors are in remarkably good condition...windows provide a great deal of natural light...plumbing and electrical wiring will need to be upgraded...the building should be posted with NO Trespassing signs and ingress points secured on a weekly basis if necessary...system that directs rain water from the flat rooves into pipes that run into the building should be modified so that that storm water runs into cisterns and or bioretention areas...anything inside the school or on the grounds that can be salvaged should be, most notably the green house that has been abandoned for years now.

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

See first comment.

Do you have any recommendations for the agenda or focus of upcoming sessions? Consider information or insights that would be helpful to your understanding of the building or the process of executing on an idea you have.

Should identify what we hope to cover for each of the upcoming meetings through December, so that all task force members and the public can track the progress and stay on course.

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

Multi use facility:...technical and educational training areas...affordable live-work space...space dedicated to special event venues...housing for City of Harrisburg foster children aging out of the system...space dedicated to afterschool activities, and other recreational activities such as a skateboard/BMX park, trampoline park, recording studio, gaming room, theater...

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Too soon to tell.

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Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Yes

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

I did not tour the building because of having previous information. I believe strongly that the building is salvageable.

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

N/A

Do you have any recommendations for the agenda or focus of upcoming sessions? Consider information or insights that would be helpful to your understanding of the building or the process of executing on an idea you have.

Perhaps a discussion on where we would locate another high school in the city, if William Penn is demolished or used for another purpose. Do we have the land should population growth dictate the need for another high school?

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

Yes, restore it back to a Vocational School and include space to accommodate the school located downtown.

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Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Yes.

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

Building structure seems solid although in need of much repair. It may be possible to maintain a portion of the building. Would need to hear more from contractors.

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

WS a cost benefit analysis completed that helps justify possible retrofit vs. a few scenarios that might work?

Do you have any recommendations for the agenda or focus of upcoming sessions? Consider information or insights that would be helpful to your understanding of the building or the process of executing on an idea you have.

Hearing more about cost and financial constraints. Feedback from public at the open meeting for those of us not there.

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"Create a common space - perhaps a conference Center - vs using the farm show or cathedral. Preserve possibly only a portion of the building - least costly to retrofit. Other ideas pending further discussion. "

Please share any additional points of feedback you have that are not covered in the questions above.

Eliminate ideas not possible upfront. Don't let us dwell on something out the realm of possibility.

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Name

Trina Gribble

Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Looking forward to the second meeting to hear and obtain more information about the financial picture and program needs.

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

It is a sturdy building that can be rejuvenated for educational or many other purposes.

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

N/A

Do you have any recommendations for the agenda or focus of upcoming sessions? Consider information or insights that would be helpful to your understanding of the building or the process of executing on an idea you have.

Not at this point

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

Educational, multi-housing, senior living, Italian Lake Park expansion with Community Building and athletic fields, or a mixture of all of these

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Looking forward to getting into the meat of the issue

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Lori Suski

Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Yes

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

N/A

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

N/A

Do you have any recommendations for the agenda or focus of upcoming sessions? Consider information or insights that would be helpful to your understanding of the building or the process of executing on an idea you have.

I recommend we spend meeting time reviewing various ideas from taskforce members regarding the possible adaptive reuse of the William Penn property. There have been several concepts proposed to me directly by community members, business owners, etc..., and I would appreciate the opportunity to have the taskforce hear about these ideas so they can provide feedback.

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

"These are not my personal ideas, but examples of some that have been presented to me informally by community members and other interested parties:

1. The Harrisburg Fire Chief has expressed interest in obtaining 1 - 2 acres of the William Penn property to construct a new firehouse to serve the uptown area.
2. Mayor Wanda Williams has expressed interest in having a police station on the property along with the fire station.
3. Other possible uses that have been suggested to me by various parties are senior citizen and/or veteran housing, a medical clinic for veterans, and small business space.
4. Capital Rebirth remains interested in purchasing the property.
5. Career & Technical Education Center - new programs that are not offered at DCTS
6. Public/private partnership with investors for multiple uses
7. Subdividing the 27.75 acres would allow the District to retain some of the land for future expansion of Camp Curtin while bringing in other concepts that would benefit the community at large."

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The fact that the District cannot borrow money should not drive the decision. Creative funding solutions are possible and should be considered.

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Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Yes

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

Why was the Campus left in such an unsecured state for so long?

Do you have any recommendations for the agenda or focus of upcoming sessions? Consider information or insights that would be helpful to your understanding of the building or the process of executing on an idea you have.

I would like to hear from local developers about what the cost would be to restore the building back to a viable vo-tech educational opportunity for local students. Also like to hear from developers about any structural issues that would prohibit the building from being used again and how they reached their costs.

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

I'd like to see the building be restored to a viable vo-tech educational facility and opportunity for Hbg. students.

Please share any additional points of feedback you have that are not covered in the questions above.

I don't have any nostalgic memories or ties to WP. However I do vehemently disagree with Hbg. Students not being afforded a vo-tech educational opportunity by simply not making the cut at DC Tech and if they do get in, being pigeonholed into cosmetology & other less lucrative skill

based trainings. In addition, a portion of the building could be used as a district run alternative school instead of paying an outside contractor to handle the 100-150 students that continue to disrupt the masses of our students who are trying to just go to school and be normal students. There are enough educators & strong Men in our City that can redirect behaviors effectively. Also I would like to see a GED Program brought back in Hbg. & this campus could offer that. Lastly our Baby Cougars need a Home Field so they are not subjected to police coming on the field because some Karen calls them during away Sunday football games. Our Children Deserve recreational space including opening the tennis courts.

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Joel Hervitz

Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

I'm not sure. T/B/D

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What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

I did not inspect the interior and would benefit from others' observations.

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Do the outbuildings have possible use for vo-tech or could VT be accommodated in the school building.

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

Vo-tech, athletics, surplus land

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If demolished, what does that mean for the school district and neighborhood.

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Name

Laura Harding

Do you feel that you have the necessary resources and support to contribute effectively to the taskforce's work?

Yes

If you participated in the tour of the William Penn Campus on Saturday, October 7, what were your initial impressions based on what you observed?

The school is still beautiful, in great shape, and can be saved and renovated back into a school.

What questions do you have about the William Penn Campus? If you do not have any questions at this point, please answer "N/A"

N/A

Do you have any recommendations for the agenda or focus of upcoming sessions? Consider information or insights that would be helpful to your understanding of the building or the process of executing on an idea you have.

What are the current educational and extracurricular needs of the District

Do you have ideas for the future use of William Penn? (If you do not, please enter N/A. If you do, feel free to include as many details as you'd like).

Cross-disciplinary educational program combining Sci-Tech and Vo-Tech in one school

Please share any additional points of feedback you have that are not covered in the questions above.