

The Career & Technology Subcommittee

Overview:

The Career & Technology Subcommittee presents a comprehensive proposal for the adaptive re-use of the William Penn campus and its buildings, outlining a multifaceted approach to address various educational, vocational, and community needs. This proposal encompasses several key initiatives aimed at promoting environmental stewardship, arts and music education, cottage industries, entrepreneurial incubation, language training, alternative education, hospitality training, video gaming and artificial intelligence, public safety, and additional vocational skills.

Project Scope:

Environmental Stewardship and Climate Technology:

Creation of green technological career pathways within the Career & Technology Academy. Programs in transportation and warehouse logistics, urban wildlife conservation, aquaponics, hydro energy, and more.

Training to support solar-powered heating and power generation and other sustainable technologies.

Harrisburg Academy of Theater, Arts & Music:

Alternative educational programs for students interested in theater production, music, and related fields.

Focus on intellectual property protection and industry standards awareness.

Cottage Industry Shared Workspace:

Open workspace for crafts such as woodworking, quilting, metalworking, and pottery. Preservation of traditional craftsmanship skills.

The Entrepreneurial Incubator:

Shared workspace equipped with essential resources for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Access to technology, meeting spaces, and recording facilities.

Language Academy:

Comprehensive language training academy open to students and adults.

Addresses language proficiency gaps and prepares individuals for a global economy.

Alternative Education:

Reestablishment of an in-house alternative school placement program for academic and social support.

Cost-effective and efficient compared to private providers.

Hospitality/Special Event Venue and Training Space:

Industrial kitchen rental for catering operations and special events.
Training programs for various roles in the service industry.

Video Gaming and Artificial Intelligence Certification Initiatives:
Collaboration with Harrisburg University to develop gaming and AI programs.
Prepares students for lucrative careers in the gaming and technology sectors.

PA State Police and Harrisburg Fire & Police Public Safety Academy:
Creation of a law enforcement and community safety academy on the campus.
Offers training in emergency response, CPR, and more, recruiting diverse candidates.

Miscellaneous Professions Training:
Expansion of vocational training in various fields not currently offered in the district.

Recreational and Sports Facilities:
Preservation and income generation from the campus's historical recreational facilities.
Development of roller rink, skatepark, trampoline facility, flag football training arena, and more.

Community Benefit:

It should go without saying that what is proposed herein is NOT a pipe dream, but a well-thought out 5-10 year plan to preserve this historic site, and provide a model that can be duplicated across the country that demonstrates how city properties can be maintained and adapted to benefit those who have dwelled in, and supported through their generational commitment this and other similarly situated cities. Our children and the residents of this community deserve nothing less than a clear and complete commitment to utilizing this space to the fullest extent of its beneficial use

City of Harrisburg Bureau of Fire—Chief Enterline

Overview:

The William Penn Emergency Services & Public Education Facility is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at improving emergency response services and public education opportunities in Uptown. This state-of-the-art facility is set to enhance response times for various essential services and provide valuable resources for the community.

Project Scope:

The project includes new construction initiatives that will not only benefit the emergency services but also contribute to the overall development of the Uptown area. These projects are poised to enhance the infrastructure and aesthetics of the community.

New Public Meeting Space: The facility offers a modern public meeting space that can be utilized for community gatherings, town hall meetings, and educational seminars. This space will foster community engagement and collaboration.

Classrooms for Public Education: Dedicated classrooms within the facility will facilitate public education initiatives. These classrooms will host programs that aim to educate and empower the community on various aspects of safety, disaster preparedness, and emergency response.

Career Pathways: One of the facility's primary goals is to build strong relationships with the local students and create a pipeline for resilient job opportunities. Through partnerships with educational institutions and local organizations, the facility will offer Career Pathways programs that guide young individuals towards careers in emergency services.

Multiple Career Opportunities: Career Pathways in Harrisburg will be established for various emergency services, including the Fire Bureau, Police Bureau, LifeTeam EMS, and 9-1-1 Dispatch. These pathways will not only provide employment opportunities but also ensure the availability of skilled professionals to serve the community effectively.

Community Benefit:

Enhanced Response Time: The facility's strategic location ensures faster response times for critical emergency services, including the Fire Bureau, Police Bureau, LifeTeam EMS, and 9-1-1 Dispatch. Quick response is vital in saving lives and minimizing damage during emergencies.

[Capital Rebirth, Inc.](#)

Overview:

Capital Rebirth, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to unifying and uplifting Central PA by offering community-oriented events and addressing local challenges. Our mission is to create innovative solutions within our community, focusing on health and wellness, education, and entertainment. We aim to enrich the lives of residents and strengthen our region's overall well-being.

Project Scope:

Health and Wellness: We are committed to promoting health and wellness in our community through initiatives like the Youth Flag Football League and Superhero Day. These programs encourage physical activity and community engagement.

Education: Our educational programs include community workshops, panel discussions, and vocational and technical education. We offer opportunities for GED programs, certification programs, and college-style lecture classrooms, fostering lifelong learning and skill development.

Entertainment: We believe in the power of entertainment to bring people together. Our talent festival and Superhero Day events create spaces for local talent to shine and for families to enjoy fun-filled days.

Vocational and Technical Education Center: We envision a comprehensive vocational and technical education center that prepares individuals for in-demand careers. This facility will house classrooms, vocational training rooms, and modern equipment.

Indoor Sports Complex: The sports complex will provide a range of sports and fitness activities, including basketball, volleyball, turf fields, and more. It will be a hub for sports enthusiasts and athletes of all ages.

Child Care Center: Our child care center will complement the HBGSD Pre-K program, offering early childhood education and recreation space while employing local residents.

Community Resource Center: This center will offer vital services such as mental health support, housing and shelter assistance, employment resources, substance abuse services, and food assistance.

Medical Facility: We aim to make accessible healthcare available to the community, reducing wait times and enhancing convenience for residents.

Housing: Our housing initiatives include senior living, market-rate housing, and affordable housing options, providing a range of choices for area residents.

Restaurants & Retail: We plan to attract local, regional, and national brands to address food deserts and stimulate economic growth in the area.

Community Playground & Dog Park: We understand the importance of community spaces, including playgrounds and dog parks, to enhance the quality of life for residents.

Projected Development Cost:

The estimated cost for the restoration and development of the William Penn campus is between \$80 million and \$100 million. This includes various components such as building restoration, construction, and infrastructure development.

Project Timeline:

Our plan is divided into phases, with Phase 1 focusing on USDA-funded vo-tech/career classrooms and a medical facility. Subsequent phases will depend on funding availability and may include additional facilities and services.

Community Benefit:

- Improves Education Options
- Promotes Health & Wellness

- Promotes Cultural Diversity
- Creates a Safe Space
- Increases Public Safety & Reduces Crime Rate
- Provides a Natural Disaster/Refuge Center
- Local Business Growth
- Property Value Increased

Turrean Management

Overview:

Turrean is a dedicated development company comprising investment and construction management professionals, known for innovative expertise throughout the project lifecycle. Our one-stop-shop approach mitigates counterparty risk, ensuring cost efficiency and timely delivery of large development projects. We prioritize local partnerships, employing Harrisburg's local labor force for project execution and property management.

Project Scope:

The historic William Penn High School will serve as the foundation for a medical campus, centered around the building's six iconic pillars. This campus will include:

- A vocational school offering healthcare training.
- A medical outpatient facility.
- An acute medical rehabilitation center.
- Affordable senior housing.
- A dialysis center.
- A Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) facility.
- Medical office space.
- Gardens and a walking path.

Community Benefits:

- Stimulates economic growth in Harrisburg.
- Provides essential medical services and job opportunities.
- Offers educational opportunities, preserving the school's original purpose.
- Presents a comprehensive and cohesive master plan attractive to investors and potential tenants.
- Maintains land options for the Harrisburg School District's future use.
- Generates rental income for the Harrisburg School District, supporting district initiatives.
- Addresses security and safety concerns by revitalizing an abandoned building.
- Preserves the rich history of William Penn.

- Creates a venue for performing arts.

Project Timeline:

- Harrisburg School District enters a 99-year lease with Turrean.
 - Turrean partners with a non-profit organization to restore the original William Penn building, including a historical display and museum pieces.
 - Potential use of the auditorium for performing arts programs.
 - Turrean builds and subleases new construction to healthcare providers and partners with a senior housing developer for a residential community.
 - Launch a public relations campaign promoting community improvement.
 - The non-profit organization establishes a vocational school with health services, medical training, and student employment opportunities at the medical campus.
- Turrean, Harrisburg School District officials, City of Harrisburg officials, healthcare providers, the non-profit organization, and investors collaborate to create a redevelopment master plan.
- Preserve the front portion of William Penn and demolish the back two-thirds of the building.

[Higher Level Community Outreach Inc.](#)

Overview:

Higher Level Community Outreach Inc. is a non-profit organization with a collective board experience of over 100 years in various businesses across Pennsylvania. Our mission is to empower individuals within our society to become valuable assets to their communities, society at large, and themselves. We focus on promoting self-esteem, character building, and stability through structured programs. Over the years, we have been actively involved in serving the youth in our community, offering life skills and computer training to help individuals enter and advance in the workforce.

Our Mission:

Our primary mission is to collaborate with the district and lease the abandoned property known as William Penn, located at 2915 N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Higher Level Community Outreach (HLCO) aims to renovate this property and establish a Training Academy that will not only provide job opportunities but also offer life skills training to the community. Our goal is to work with the Harrisburg district to preserve the historical value of this property and save millions of dollars in demolition costs.

Project Scope:

Our plan centers around preserving the William Penn property as a historical landmark, which would enable us to retain its historical value in collaboration with the Historic Harrisburg Association. By doing so, we can significantly reduce the cost of demolition, with the remaining

portion going back to the district. HLCO is committed to covering the expenses associated with asbestos removal and decay mitigation in the front portion of the building. We will then transform this space into a Training Academy dedicated to community support.

The Training Academy will offer a wide range of opportunities to the community, including over 100 job openings, life skills training, ROTC Military, CADET Training, IT computer engineering, GED/College credits, Adult Education screenings, trade school programs, and various vocational training options. Additionally, we plan to utilize the land for the construction of a sports arena for training camps and fitness programs, as well as an aquatic center. These programs will prepare the community for the workforce and provide opportunities for personal growth and development.

Execution Plan:

To bring this project to fruition, we intend to raise funds through private donations, grants, contributions from historical associations, and partnerships with organizations like the Blind People Association. We aim to complete the renovations within two years after the first year of demolition for the back portion of the building is accomplished.

Higher Level Community Outreach Inc. is dedicated to preserving a historical landmark while simultaneously revitalizing the community through job creation and comprehensive training programs. We believe that this project will not only empower individuals but also contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of the Harrisburg community.