

AGENDA

South Anchorage Area High School Informational Meeting, 6-7:00 PM Goldenview Middle School June 15, 1999

Introductions and Opening Comments, Bob Christal

Base of Current Information

- Site
- Site Access /Traffic Analysis
- High School Facility

Design Process, Schedule and Sequence

Public Comment / Closing Remarks

*For informational updates contact our web page...
www.asd.k12.ak.us/hsrenovation*

General description of site.

- *Current buffering requirements, RI-SL*
- *Topography of site.*
- *Available utilities*

Site Access / Traffic Analysis

- *LTIA is underway. Draft available towards the end of month.*
- *Current OS&HP classification.*
- *Coordination of school / community needs with DOT&PF (Huffman and DeArmoun) and MOA for development of access roads.*

High School Facility (Kathy Christy and Jon Steele?)

- Size, population served
- Educational specification components. (Basic and Additional Program Areas, Flexibility of Spaces / Functions, Community Components and Funding)
- The creation of appropriate components and spaces applicable for future high school design.

Design Process, Schedule and Sequence (*Kathy Christy and Jon Steele?*)

The Coordinating Committee and Community/Neighbor wide participation.

- The status of the design team formation.
- The design steps. Programming the facility, development of the design concept, further defining the facility and site with Schematic Design and Design Development, completion of the Contract Documents.

- The public review and approval process. Public facility design steps, land use review and approvals, ongoing public update.
 - Scheduled meetings to develop the design.
 - Review and approval by P&ZC and UDC
 - Potential rezoning to PLI
 - Web site progress updates and calendar of events

Public Comment / Summary (Kathy Christy and Jon Steele?)

- Review charted understanding of issues and concerns.
- Obtain comment for overlooked issues and concerns.
- Discuss time frame for next meeting.

End of Meeting

(n:\1399\6-15agenda.wpd)

MINUTES

**South Anchorage Area High School
Project No 1399 / 2.1.2
Goldenview Middle School
June 15, 1999**

Informational Meeting Summary

Goldenview Middle School June 15, 1999

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets for public attendance.

Bob Christal, ASD
Kathy Christy, ASD
Pat McDowell, ASD
Ray Amsden, ASD
Ed Conyers, ASD
Rob Ballivet, ASD
Michelle Egan, ASD
Jonathan Steele, ECI

General

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an informational update to the community regarding development of the new South Anchorage Area High School.

Topics

1. Bob Christal gave opening remarks and an overview of the project. The site for the new high school in south Anchorage has been previously selected and approved. The District is intent on moving forward with design and development on this site.

The School Board has approved the design architect selection, ECI/Hyer, Inc.. The approval action occurred June 14, 1999.

2. Ed Conyers outlined the topics and focus of the previous meeting held June 10, 1999. This meeting included notified representatives of the PTSA, Community Councils, MOA departments involved with planning, review and approvals, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and the Anchorage Police Department.

Comments and questions followed Ed Conyers summary. The following are comments and questions by community participants:

3. The extent of contact and the form of public notice should be expanded. Not everyone receives the newspaper and residents in the immediate vicinity of the school did not receive mailers. The ASD had notified PTSA and Community Councils about tonight's meeting, but agreed to provide better notification, possibly through direct mailings. Use of the MOA property listings and addresses was suggested.
4. The meeting location, Goldenview Middle School, was viewed as less convenient than Huffman Elementary. At the meeting end a poll was taken and future meetings will be held at Huffman Elementary.

Goldenview was selected because it is located within high school attendance area and it represents a recent ASD project with similarities to the new high school educational specification and was developed on a site with similar sloping topography. The design minimized the visual scale (height) at the entry by constructing into the natural slope.

5. The major topic and concern revolved around vehicular access to the high school site. The ASD has contracted a LTIA (limited traffic impact analysis) to evaluate Elmore Road and the intersections with Huffman and DeArmoun Roads. The analysis is in a preliminary form at this time. Evaluation of the base information used in the analysis will be reviewed by the MOA Traffic Engineering Department followed by the availability of a draft for review.
6. A member of the public informed the group that the Huffman Community Council has passed a resolution to investigate other potential high school sites.
7. The traffic impact will be more extensive than Elmore Road. What is the traffic impact on surrounding subdivisions?
8. Could the high school site be accessed via the undeveloped parcel to the south of the site? Ed stated that this parcel was part of a 1984 site investigation master plan that included a junior high school. When Goldenview was developed, the land link to DeArmoun Road was subsequently sold.

The ability to reacquire this property or obtain an adequate right-of-way for access from DeArmoun was questioned. Kathy Christy indicated that it is not possible for the District to acquire this property, but we could examine possibility of a obtaining a right-of way.

9. 135th Avenue is maintained by the homeowners association. Traffic using this road to access the high school could increase volumes and maintenance costs that they would have to incur.
10. Some of the houses in the area are developed on lots spaced an acre apart and surrounded with woods. This setting could be viewed as inviting for high school students to hang out.
11. If only one access (Elmore) is provided emergency access may be insufficient. Two big roads to the site are needed.
12. The neighbors are concerned with high school aged drivers using Leyden Drive. The mix of young children playing in the area and vehicles traveling at high speeds presents a safety risk.
13. The status of the platted 80' buffer along Leyden Drive was reviewed. Rob Balivet indicated the buffer would remain in place and the site development would respect this buffer.
14. The current plat specifies only one access possible from Elmore. How does this reconcile with HS needs?
15. Huffman/Elmore intersection is bad in terms of grades, icing, and adjacent ditches. It seems the intersection presents an impossible situation for safe development of access to the school. A former crossing guard at Huffman Elementary School has witnessed these problems during winter conditions.

Could access to the site be limited to DeArmoun only? The grades at the intersection with Elmore are better than the intersection with Huffman.

16. Is it possible to create a "closed" campus and/or stagger class hours? Pat McDowell stated this has been discussed at other schools and is still open for discussion.
17. Do public utilities serving the site exist or will the high school development utilize wells? Ed Conyers described the current utilities. The high school development will connect to public utilities.
18. If Elmore Road is improved will there be a tax increase or assessment to the residents? Ed Conyers stated the road development would be part of a general obligation bonds and be approved city wide.
19. Many residents are concerned with the surrounding subdivisions serving as a short-circuit to the high school site. This potential needs to be examined as part of the traffic impact. Solutions to mitigate this traffic movement should be generated. A specific route, Kempton Hills traffic via Pintail to the site, was mentioned as one of the potential short-circuits. Leyden Drive access from Elmore Road was another specific route discussed. A resident indicated that home owners near the intersection would be willing to have access to Elmore Road eliminated.
20. Jim Barnett asked about the provisions for play fields. South Anchorage has limited parks and the fields developed with the schools receive significant use. Kathy Christy described the minimum standards listed in the district wide educational specifications. The standard includes:

- 1 football field.
- 1 soccer field.
- 1 softball/baseball diamond.
- 4 tennis courts.
- 1 four lane oval track with synthetic surface and 6 straight away.
- 1 hockey rink.
- A ski trail is desirable.

Mr. Barnett stated his concern that the access to school fields is limited and gated at the entry roads. To use the fields long walks with gear are involved. Ed Conyers indicated that some schools do not have access to fields due to lack of surrounding development which can monitor vandalism (Goldenvue). With the existing development around the site, he did not feel that access to fields would be a problem.

21. Planning documents and studies for the high school were requested prior to future meetings. This would allow interested individuals to become informed of the issues and background.
22. Kathy Christy felt that at future meetings the larger group could break down into smaller groups for topical discussions.
23. Next meeting could be mid-August. The ASD will notify the community when there is information to present. We will use the sign-in list and other information bases to notify the public.

End of Meeting Summary