## Perkins Eastman MEETING RECORD

Date Prepared: May 16, 2012

**Project Name:** Martin Luther King Jr. School

**Project Number:** 47930.00.0

Subject: Community Meeting #2

Meeting Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. School Auditorium

Meeting Date: May 10, 4012

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Participants The Honorable Henrietta Davis - Mayor

Fred Fantini - School Committee Member

Michael Black - City Construction Project Manager Jim Maloney - CPSD Chief Operating Officer Dana Ham - CPSD Director of Facilities

Mirko Chardin - Martin Luther King Jr. School - Principal Upper School

Gerald Yung - Martin Luther King Jr. School - Principal

John Pears - Perkins Eastman Jana Silsby - Perkins Eastman

Mark Boyes Watson - Boyes Watson Architects Community Members: Per Attached Sign-In Sheet

New Business	Notes	Action by
2.01	Goals for Meeting: As a follow-up to the initial Community Meeting on 4/5/12, the Design Team presented the preliminary design options and sought input from the community. The Powerpoint presentation included: -14 Draft Organizational Principles - Preliminary Design Options: "Existing Modified", "Clover" and "Pi", (Existing provided as baseline comparison) -Site Plans -Aerial Views from Putnam Avenue -Views from Putnam Avenue -Views from Magee Street -Views from Hayes Street -Aerial Views from Kinnaird Street -Views from Entry Drive at Kinnaird Street -Views from Putnam Avenue looking South -Bicycle Concerns -Net Zero Next Steps -Schedule	Record
2.02	<u>Discussion / Note Format:</u> The group participated in an interactive	Record

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	discussion as noted below.	
	-Comments by Community members are noted in typical font.	
	-Perkins Eastman (PE) comments are indicated in bold font.	
2.03	Parking and Traffic:	Record
	-Can parking be underground?	
	PE: Underground parking will be considered; option is possible but	
	costly due to excavation and high water table. New Build options	
	(Clover and Pi) may allow for reuse of existing foundation to help	
	mitigate cost.	
	-Can drop-off be underground?	
	PE: Underground drop-off will be considered; option may be possible	
	but very costly.	
	-Can buses be underground?	
	PE: This will not be considered because option is prohibitively	
	costly due to additional excavation depth required for height of buses.	
	-Need place to pull over at child drop-off/bus; study pull-off on Putnam	
	Avenue?	
	-Parking on Putnam; parents have difficulty with logistics of child drop – off, time for seat belts etc.	
	-The Mayor suggested that the widening of Putnam Avenue be explored	
	- Neighbor concerns that lost spaces cold have negative impact.	
	PE: Widening of Putnam Avenue will be studied.	
	-Tour buses travel at high speeds on Putnam Avenue; can City implement	
	traffic control measures i.e. limiting speeds for buses during drop-off and	
	pick up hours?	
	-Concerns with safety: student struck by vehicle recently on Putnam Avenue.	
	- Existing parking along Putnam Avenue helps slow down traffic.	
	-Is there a Traffic Study being done?	
	PE Response:Traffic Study data has been recently collected and will be	
	used for future analysis.	
	-Zoning for Parking on Kinnaird in front yard?	
	PE: Zoning will be considered as part of Zoning Analysis.	
	-Can underground parking spaces be sold / shared?	
	City confirmed that school cannot sell parking spaces.	
	- Don't just make parking lots; create usable green spaces, i.e. previously	
	existing community garden on corner lot.	
2.04	Trees: Kinnaird Street once had substantial trees that eventually died; City	Record
	replaced with younger trees not as nice as original mature trees.	
	PE: Proposed designs will consider trees / landscaping on street edges	
	with a view to substantially improving the existing conditions.	
2.05	<u>Lighting:</u>	Record

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	- Community is concerned about site light levels / light spill	
	PE: Design will be sensitive to height and type of fixtures used to	
	minimize light spill and view of lamps.	
2.06	Community Use:	Record
2.00	-Don't forget CitySprouts!	Record
	PE: CitySprouts is being considered in the programming.	
	-Playgrounds are DUAL USE for community and the school. Playgrounds	
	should not be on the roof, seating areas on the roof are ok.	
	-Elevated play ground with parking below?	
	-Existing Playground; large construction project, fence issue, disease/rodents,	
	construction mitigation	
	PE: The City will work with the Construction Manager to develop a	
0.07	Construction Mitigation Plan.	
2.07	Mural /Cultural Significance:	Record
	-Murals represent the activist struggle in the 70's.	
	-Do not lose identify & power inherent in the history of murals.	
	- Part of the MLK cultural integrity; "the heart and soul of the school"	
	-Can MLK murals be preserved, transferred, or opportunities for new murals	
	be provided?	
	PE: Methods to incorporate murals will be considered.	
2.08	Existing Building:	Record
	-Putnam Avenue Facade; asphalt play area at front not used, areas below	
	cantilevers not used.	
	-Kinnaird St. Façade-least successful defensive/ugly	
	- Architect /Community member voiced strong desire to retain existing	
	building that holds the street edge	
	PE: All proposed options retain the existing urban street edge;	
	Clover and Pi options also provide entry courtyards.	
2.09	Design Option Comments:	Record
	- <u>Existing Modified</u> : Retained portions to remain 10'-6" floor to floor – 14'	
	desired, Architect / community member, thought this looks like a good	
	option that was possibly a cost effective	
	PE: PE initially thought scheme was cost effective as well; further study	
	has proven that the portion of the existing building to be retained	
	cannot easily accommodate the Educational Specification and	
	required numerous additions to fulfill the program that could increase	
	the cost. There is also cost to seismically upgrade the portion of the	
	building to be retained.	
	-Separate entrances of Pi option and connections from Magee to Kinnaird of	
	Pi option universally liked.	
	-Include Hayes Street on future plans.	

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	<ul> <li>Clover and Pi: Height @ Putnam / Magee: +/- 42' tbd</li> <li>PE: Proposed height is very similar to height of existing building with light monitors and mechanical enclosure.</li> <li>Neighbor to the North noted that setbacks at x and x affect the 4 units in her building</li> <li>PE: Proposed side yard setbacks on the Clover and Pi options are greater than the existing condition. Proposed rear setback on Pi are greater than the existing.</li> </ul>	
2.10	Biking: -Putnam Avenue too narrow -Goal for Biking? -Widening at Putnam? PE: Bicycle lanes and parking will be provided within the site as required. Bike routes to the school are a larger issue that will be considered by the City. This is a large issue that is beyond the scope of this project.	Record
2.11	Design Process Overview: -Feasibility Study (currently in progress) -Schematic Design -Design Development -Construction Documents -Construction -Open September 2015	Record

Next Meeting: 6/21/12 MLK Auditorium 6:00PM -7:30 PM

cc: City / CPSD / Community Members via Michael Black

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**Consultant Team** 

Attachments: Sign-In Sheet

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**Meeting 2: May 10, 2012**, 6:00 – 7:30, Martin Luther King Jr. School Auditorium Topic: Design Options – Renovation/ Hybrid (Renovation and Addition) / New Construction

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