Dunbar

Thursday, April 28, 2011
5:30pm-7:15pm
19 attendees

BREAKOUT SESSION (DC & DB)

Site Significance
- Husband’s grandmother had house on site
- Dated women from the neighborhood in high school
- Sen. Wilson, Alvin Brooks, Will McCarther, and Kenneth Ray attended school
- School was well respected and welcomed by the community

Strengths
- Reuse will bring neighborhood together
- Potential for housing development in the area - views
- Can be a place for the community’s benefit, skills, etc.
- Size is not overwhelming
- Building is in excellent condition
- Great public space for the community

Challenges (Interim solutions in blue)
- People dump in the community—solution: signs and cameras, partner with community group, notify the district of dumping
- Small parking lot (when functions held at the school, people parked on neighbors lawns)
- Use proposed is use (final) -- solution: expand outreach and communication
- Neighbors should be involved--solution: distribute district phone numbers for security and maintenance
- Fence needs repair
- HVAC on roof - security issue – easy access for thieves

Community Needs
- Attract/retain young families
- Day care
- Teen pregnancy/ infant care
- Male mentoring program
- Close access to food source
- Family support
- English language (Hispanic)
- Jobs
• Financial counseling (literacy)
• Career counseling/ life skills
• Services for homeless children
• Senior services
• Full community center for everyone (flexible)

Reusable Options (that could address community needs)
• Grocery store
• Community garden
• Food pantry
• Co-locating service providers
• Housing for homeless
• Community outreach and training center
• Recreation center (community center)
• Multi-purpose center
• Day care
• Before and after school care
• Emergency housing
• Job center
• Feedback on informal proposals received by the district (those not already discussed by attendees)
  ◦ Teen foster care -- Not positive