



Howard Bishop Middle School Community Comments & Input

Site Concerns & Opportunities

- Traffic flow along NE 9th Street.
- School currently floods during heavy rain. Please check the grading of sidewalks.
- Make sure the garden stays! The soil has been worked for 20 years, such a vital space for kids.
- Would like more thought given to community school.
- How can the design of the school be about space for kids to inhabit courtyards, outdoor classrooms, PE and arts.
- Tech teachers would like to be involved in interior construction storage, etc.
- Community center still in administration building F (expand to local residents participation).
- Café needs to have damped acoustics, kids get too amped after a loud lunch.

Historic & Cultural & Neighborhood Opportunities:

- Keep the neighborhood feel.
- What about the garden that has been worked on for 20 or more years?
- Historical – 19 years of building soil in garden by volunteers.
- Be thoughtful of how two-story building affects neighbors.
- Garden – not modern exterior, keep with the neighborhood feel.

Safety Concerns:

- Overcrowded hallways.
- Huge concern about water drainage improvement. Currently students are blocked from taking certain routes.
- Construction procedures during school day. Post school day and weekend construction possible.
- Occupying campus during construction.
- “Hardening” of campus to improve safety.
- Twelfth (12th) Street during school days.
- ESE building converted to community school. Too close to street for ESE.

Wild Spaces Public Spaces:

- Track! We’ve been asking for the city’s help with the track for years.
- Oak trees, save as many as possible.
- I don’t know if this is in your jurisdiction but repaving the school track would be great.
- Track, bathroom, bleachers, thanks!
- Our kids need to have a nice diverse area as a garden.
- Add a nature kiosk with information about all the amazing birds that are around the track.
- Please keep the long-leaf pine trees around the track that students have planted over the years.

Construction (to be determined):

- Access to facilities for sports fields/community.
- Consideration of community school, medical, dental, counseling.
- Our garden is an important part of our school and our student's lives and education.
- Want school to strongly incorporate nature covered walkways.
- Long-term beauty, short-term inconvenience and cost.
- Need to factor in "Community School" aspect.

Design & Construction Scheduled:

- Provide more barrier to construction on campus on campus and at Metcalfe.
- Relocate students not a good solution. Keep on site or nearby.
- No phasing. Find other campus for my kid for one year.
- Please keep kids in same grade together wherever they go.
- Construction. Don't ramrod this. Better to pay more money short term and get a truly beautiful design long term.
- Do it fast but don't farm out kids/teachers.

General Comments, Concerns & Observations:

- Would love to see more of an auditorium for band/theater/chorus productions.
- I support the phased construction approach.
- A/C in the gym please!!
- Keep the principal in the loop.
- Have better bathrooms when revamping the schools.
- Better/more well designed bathrooms. More online features, better security, repave school track, better resources.
- Only two science classrooms, we need more.
- Acoustics firm should be consulted/hired for the music/choir area. Cannot have two spaces backing into each other.
- Like the two-story design!!
- I think we should move the kids offsite. What about Kirby-Smith and portables there. I vote the fastest route is to move the kids.
- Yay, trees!! It's part of our personality.
- Better bathrooms that are more convenient for students to access.
- Update track and A/C in gym.
- Thanks for considering the trees.
- Parent pick-up and parking.
- Make the stormwater retention facility a scientific learning, ecological opportunity. Look at the UF seep (Stormwater Ecological Environment Project).
- Must, must, must have better bathroom facilities, period!
- Save the memorial trees on the edge of the "mall" area.
- Don't like all the spread out retention ponds in the one design. Make one that is part of ecological curriculum.
- A/C in gym, better bathrooms.
- Building for community partnership school?

Design Features & Opportunities:

- How can the design look at future tech and tech needs since the academy is tech focused?
- Outside the box: vegetable garden serves purpose of retention pond, or create an aquaponics system with garden and pond.
- Don't like the proposed retention pond on campus near media center.
- Make stormwater a design feature, not ugly utilitarian "rectilinear".
- Integrate stormwater elements including green roofs, not utilitarian fenced areas all over the place.
- Consider safety features. Windows are great, but avoid it being a fishbowl.
- Make the building more ecological/green so kids can learn from the design. Incorporate ways kids can study and monitor the building.
- Before thoughts for designing updating quad-amphitheater ground/material varies.
- Love the cafeteria being by the bus area.
- Please include garden volunteers in site planning. Karen Sherwood at ksherwood84@gmail.com or Paul Campbell paulc@bellsouth.net.
- Prefer two-story building option, angled building.
- Please consider space for Howard Bishop Community School and it's potential expansion of services.
- I favor one building over two, less money spent, elevators/mechanical.
- ADA issues with two-story.
- The outdoor nature of Howard Bishop could be hampered by two-story building.
- Is it possible to relocate retention pond in SE corner to another space, therefore preserving our garden spot?
- Yes, go two-story to have more green space.
- Why two story?
- Include in the plan about one acre for one or more areas for diverse edible plant gardens. This would best be the current garden area.
- Design cafeteria with acoustics in mind. It's really rough now when full of kids.
- We don't need an ESE wing, we use inclusion.
- Tech building needs one TV studio room, three large computer labs, one robotics room, storage, bathroom for teachers, student bathroom.
- Howard Bishop has a very successful year-round garden with a strong support team. Please accommodate it.
- A beautiful and inspiring design that everyone wants to be in!
- Keep a space for a garden.
- What, if any, consideration has been given for the community partnership offices? They need access to parking for community members.
- Concern that there needs to be some sort of buffer (office/storage space) between band/choral rooms to prevent sound bleed.
- Where will the community partnership go that we have a 25 year agreement with?