

Meeting Note Catcher

Community Meeting with Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts, Lawndale Community Academy, and Sumner Math and Science Community Academy School Communities

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/nl-proposal>

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Purpose of Meeting: The North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council/North Lawndale Community Action Council (NLCCC/NLCAC) has been exploring an opportunity to bring a school with science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics programming to the North Lawndale neighborhood. On November 2, 2020 the NLCCC/NLCAC submitted a proposal to consolidate Crown and Lawndale into Sumner.

CPS held a virtual community meeting so the district could hear thoughts on a community-led proposal that would impact Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts, Lawndale Community Academy, and Sumner Math and Science Community Academy, if approved.

Meeting Attendees: Cristina Winfield, Pascal Sabino, Katina McNulty, Areulia Davis, Sheila McNary, Carolyn Johnson, Wanda Taylor, Rochelle Jackson, Erica, Julie Burnett, Catrina Singletary, Dushaun Branch Pollard, Melissa Garcia, Lisa Torres, Heidi Dye, Jim Harbin, Kameryn Dye, Emanuel Salazar, Adam Lechnir, Shatay Bryant, Clevins, Dierdre Garcia, Brian Dye, Katie Ellis, Jaimi Johnson, K. Haas, Vernon Jackson, Derrick B. Harris, Eleshia Smith, Tammie Vinson, Hannah Leone, Marvin Hunter, Kareem Pender, Juan Maldonado (Participants with only first name listed - Lisa, Leticia, Jenn, Erica, Heather, Audrey, Krissy)	
Q&A (Record the question and the name of person who posed question or comment)	
1. Areulia Davis- Long life resident of NL. Communities around lawndale recruited students which left a lot of children behind. Suggest that children who did not get in selective schools should be given the opportunity to attend a school where they can strive and get on same level as North Side	
2. Sheila McNary- Homeowner in NL since 2001. We should not be afraid of the future especially where students and the community can thrive. We are in this together	
3. Carolyn Johnson- Absolutely wonderful program. Concerned about the curriculum used and believe that other curriculums should be explored. I am so excited about this opportunity.	Curriculum not set

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<p>4.Wanda Taylor- Clearly safety issues are a concern. 60% of parents choose to have students attend other schools out of their community. Fear around the right of return would be good to have something in writing for parents that acknowledge that they will have a seat, transportation, safety and fully funded. If Northside can get Lincoln yard then NL can have a new school and new buildings</p>	<p>Safety and Transportation plan part of proposal. There is a potential for busing.</p>
<p>5.Rochelle Jackson- Lifelong resident. Rebuild or remain in ashes. Must make sacrifices to improve quality of life. It is about the children. NL has been left behind and I understand families may be afraid but what is scarier is that the school will go to a different neighborhood and more schools will close and you will be left in the ashes. You have a chance to ensure your children will be prepared. This new school will build economic gains in multiple ways.</p>	
<p>6.Derrick B. Harris- Native son of NL had a convo with Dr. Green. I support the development of this school in theory. High quality school is indicative of high quality of life. The issue of violence is a real issue. Is this about community revitalization or gentrification. Cautiously optimistic..we must turn to each other and not against each other. I stand ready to get involved for the children.</p>	
<p>7.Krissy- I have kids and grands at Sumner. Would like a police station built in NL. The New school needs new staff.</p>	
<p>8. Marvin Hunter- Grace Memorial Baptist, Lifelong member of NL. In favor of building for many reasons primarily for the children. Lawndale the only community that after the riots of Dr King. Building will set a new foundation for the community and setting a positive trajectory for children for college and many other great things they are destined for. We need to take advantage of the opportunity to build a better future for our children and their children.</p>	
<p>9.Julie Burnett- Mayor's office is watching this very closely. NL is a target prioritized for</p>	

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<p>reinvestment. There are other investments coming to NL Invest Southwest is willing to partner towards this. We want to implement the community's vision on a large scale.</p>	
<p>10. Catrina Singletary- Resident/Activist NL. The name of NL is throwing parents/Students off at Sumner. The 24th wards numbers are deteriorating which is causing the schools enrollment to go down. This will be great, new and challenging for our community. This will be great</p>	
<p>Other notes/ Additional questions/comments here</p>	