



1.0 Notes taken by JLP during meeting

- 1.1 Option 01:
 - 1.1.1 Concern that the basketball courts are too close to the meeting rooms of the Scarborough Activity Center.
 - 1.1.2 Person expressed that they like that Carver is still open to thru traffic.
 - 1.1.3 Person likes parking lots in Option 01.
- 1.2 General comments:
 - 1.2.1 Worried about balls from ball field going outside of park property and into neighbors. A net at the property line to catch balls was suggested.
 - 1.2.2 A question was asked about spectator seating around the ball field. The answer was that people now mostly bring their own camp chairs instead of sitting on aluminum bleachers.
 - 1.2.3 Picnic area is close to adjacent houses and would need some sort of privacy barrier. They could also be spread out more around the site.
 - 1.2.4 Concern about how to load things to and from the existing Activity Center from the reconfigured parking lots.
 - 1.2.5 Person asked about safe shelter area for kids in the building. The building type by code does not require an area designated for this but the design could incorporate an area that is built with that in mind.
 - 1.2.6 Would like to have the fields and courts on timed lights.

2.0 Notes from note cards at the meeting

- 2.1 Option 01:
 - 2.1.1 Please be mindful of the meeting and classes in the Scarborough Activity Center in the afternoon and evening. Close to courts [and noise could be an issue].
 - 2.1.2 The backside of the [Scarboro Activity Center] building by the playground is not an entrance. It is currently office space.
 - 2.1.3 No green space in front of Scarborough Center. Leave parking lot as is. Easy access for seniors and everyone renting/using the facility.
 - 2.1.4 Make the slot designed for the basketball courts an extra parking lot. It used to be a parking lot for the playground.
- 2.2 Option 02:
 - 2.2.1 Extend walking trail around front of school along property line (behind church) to connect with street.
 - 2.2.2 Closing the street in front of facilities offers two benefits:
 - 2.2.2.1 Eliminates traffic/vehicles and related liabilities.
 - 2.2.2.2 Frees up land area for a more open “campus” and less congestion of recreational vehicles – community space.
 - 2.2.3 Keep Carver Ave. open. Closing Carver doesn’t allow quick access for emergency vehicles.
 - 2.2.4 Cut out some of the green space in front of the Community Center and put parking there.



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- 2.2.5 Remove the back parking lot be the playground or make it smaller. This lot is too far for seniors and vehicle access.
- 2.2.6 The picnic area north of the park in option 2 seems peculiar. Is there another interesting way to configure that area? Maybe just park benches? Or place a public park playground there?
- 2.3 General comments:
 - 2.3.1 Lights at the ball field and the court areas. [multiple comments about this issue]
 - 2.3.2 Parking needs to continue to be close to the Scarboro Activity Center for handicap and senior citizen accessibility.
 - 2.3.3 Person voted for Option 01 because of Carver staying open but likes the ballfield and court placement in Option 02. Noted on card that they like Option 2 but voted for Option 01.
 - 2.3.4 Talk to Activity Center staff to better understand traffic flow (people) in the gym to better grasp who does what in the building.
 - 2.3.5 Keep in mind public picnic area and [proximity to] residences.
 - 2.3.6 Preschool kids cannot access the [Scarboro Activity] building at all. No need for crossing. Kids have to be 6 year of age to enter the center. Preschool kids are not allowed without an adult.
 - 2.3.7 Taking away handicap parking is a no-no. Many seniors use the building and easy access is needed.
 - 2.3.8 Add bleachers. [Two notecards had this comment]
 - 2.3.9 Bring a pavilion or two up closer to parking area.
 - 2.3.10 The picnic area with 3 shelters in the southeast should be configured so it can host one large event, not just individual separate events. I think this community likes large-group gatherings.
 - 2.3.11 Need to ensure that there are vehicular paths (for service vehicles and possibly special events) between the parking areas and ballfield and picnic areas.
 - 2.3.12 We need to preserve access for vehicles to the doors of the Community Center.
 - 2.3.13 Both plans show the picnic areas as isolated from parking. That may be a problem! People often want to be closer to their vehicles.
 - 2.3.14 We need to upgrade the playground and shelter south of Scarboro Center as part of this project. That was a promise we made to the community. New shelters can replace the old rundown shelter.
 - 2.3.15 Water fountains.
 - 2.3.16 Public restrooms

3.0 Notes from JLP discussions with attendees

- 3.1 Would like water fountain(s) around field area.
- 3.2 The area in the Northwest corner designated as a picnic area has a grade change that needs to be looked at in further development.
- 3.3 Need a fence of some type between residential neighborhood areas.
- 3.4 Option 1's basketball courts should not be outside of the Scarboro Center because of the potential noise and distraction of ball play.
- 3.5 Pavilion/picnic area might work better without a division between them so that large groups could gather in a cluster.
- 3.6 Activity Center needs to have its own parking area for early meetings and all day training activities.

4.0 Notes from others via email

- 4.1 Councilwoman Ellen Smith:

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- 4.1.1 As part of the preschool project, we need to tear down the old picnic shelter south of the Scarboro Community Center. It's a wreck. There are large holes in the roof. The electric service is disconnected for safety reasons.
 - 4.1.2 The playground south of the Community Center seems OK (to my nonprofessional eye), but the structure only has play opportunities for very small children (under age 5 or so). For parity with other city park playgrounds, it should be supplemented with some equipment for bigger kids. I believe we promised the residents that we'd fix up their park as part of this project, and I think that promise includes an upgraded public playground. I'm told that there used to be a wooden play structure there that was larger and appealed to a wider age range.
 - 4.1.3 I had some concern, and I heard a lot more concern from residents, about the proposed elimination of vehicular access and parking in front of the Scarboro Community Center. People want handicapped access close to the door (not all disabled people use wheelchairs; a long walkway doesn't work for people who walk but can't walk fast or far) and there needs to be vehicle access to the main door, basically as a service entrance. I think that concern about the need for vehicle access near the door of the community center might be part of the reason why residents don't like the idea of closing Carver Avenue.
 - 4.1.4 The proposed locations for picnic areas in both designs places the picnic areas in portions of the park most remote from the street. That isn't going to work -- people don't like to lug coolers, etc., that far. Those picnic areas won't be used. (Additionally, people expressed concern that the picnic areas would be very close to people's homes.) Rather than expending resources to create picnic areas that aren't going to be used, it seems to me that it makes sense to create picnic areas on land closer to the road (and also closer to the buildings that will have electric lines). Specifically, the land adjacent to and behind the Scarboro Community Center used to have picnic facilities (some ruins of old grills were pointed out to me, east of the fence behind the Community Center) and it could be used that way again. For starters, the location of the old picnic shelter south of Scarboro Community Center could become the site of one new picnic shelter. And some (or all) proposed walkways could be added on the west side of Carver in the rolling land behind the community center instead of winding around the backside of the school.
 - 4.1.5 People really liked the idea of basketball courts that could also be used for tennis (and possibly also other tennis-like games). And the people I talked with are positive about the project as a whole.
- 4.2 Doug Cloclasure:
- 4.2.1 But if I could have "another white card" I would suggest the ball diamond be rotated 180 deg from its current location and moved to the opposite corner and both pavilion/picnic areas be moved up front close to the parking lots. Isolating the picnic/gathering areas to the far corner from parking will result in little use. Plus folks will not generally tote their picnic very far from their vehicle.
 - 4.2.2 Furthermore I believe the "courtyard" in the center "U" of the preschool facility is unnecessarily large. These students are small kids as you point out in your design thinking.
 - 4.2.3 The picnic shelters are too distant from parking and as a result may be little used. Perhaps do not build or commit to location of recreational amenities until after the Pre-K facility is completed and in use for some period of time -- a year?
- 4.3 Rose Weaver (comments sent before the meeting)
- 4.3.1 The front of the building could serve as a roundabout similar to other schools with drop off for children and buses.

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- 4.3.2 The center of green area could be statue in memory of Sallie McCaskill and Scarboro School Teachers. All the teachers' names could be listed. (William Capshaw, an artist in the community could be commissioned to do the statue).
- 4.3.3 Inside the lobby pictures or posters of Scarboro Mentors who made contributions to the community.
- 4.3.4 A room to display portion of Rose Weaver traveling exhibit and house historical Scarboro artifacts. Room could serve as a historical room—Manhattan Project Room for preschoolers similar to other preschool buildings throughout the US.
- 4.3.5 At the current playground the swings, merry go round, jungle gym and shed is used. The baseball field and basketball courts are used. The tennis court is not.
- 4.3.6 Recommend a walking track around baseball field with outside lighting. Baseball field has been used in the past.
- 4.3.7 Outside grills and electricity for festivals and picnics. Several outside water fountains and an outside restroom for women and men.
- 4.3.8 Some wooden benches, picnic tables similar to other playgrounds in the City of Oak Ridge.
- 4.3.9 Lighting and electrical outing for basketball court outside.
- 4.3.10 For Community to have access to parking area at Preschool with community festivals and events are held.
- 4.3.11 Concern about drop off point on Carver Avenue would like to study that more as the traffic speeds on that road is very uncontrollable would be unsafe.
- 4.3.12 Provide job opportunities from residents from the Scarboro Community which will represent an investment in the community. It would be ideal to recruit teachers and day care specialist that lost jobs from the closing of the Scarboro Learning Center.
- 4.3.13 Let contracts to black small businesses specifically Pioneer Builders Inc., a veteran owned small business where President Albert Beasley lives in Oak Ridge, retired as engineer from Y-12 Plant, and supported several programs in the Scarboro Community. Pioneer Builders Inc. that has the core capabilities of new construction, site work, restoration, remodeling and demolition.
- 4.3.14 Joseph Harris Landscaping, a small business owner who lives in the Scarboro Community does landscaping and lawn care.
- 4.3.15 Would like to see minutes of future meetings posted at the Scarboro Community Center and e-mailed to church representatives so members in the community can absorb business discussed and recommendations prior to future meetings.

5.0 Actionable Items

Action

- One more community meeting showing site plan with comments incorporated and building design with floor plan.