

2023 CIP - Phase II – Design Development: Meeting #4

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: Akron Central School District – 2023 Capital Improvements Project Phase II

CPL PROJECT NO.: R21.13091.12

DATE OF MEETING: April 12, 2024 (9:00a.m. EST)

PERSONS PRESENT:

Akron CSD

Andrea Kersten, Superintendent
Eric Polkowski, Board of Education President
Steve Dimitroff, High School Principal
Paul Kowalski, Technology Director
James Andres, Facilities Director
Andy Clouse, Football Head Coach
Daric Brege, Track Head Coach

Village of Akron

Peter Forrestel, Village Board Trustee

The Seneca Nation

Roger Hill, Tonawanda Seneca Nation Chief

CPL

Jason Benfante, Vice President
Brady Morrison, Senior Architectural Designer
Austin Genberg, Architectural Designer
Norm Gardner, Senior Engineering Project Manager

Buffalo Engineering

Phil Brown, Electrical Engineer

Campus Construction Management Group

Vaughn Maracle, Project Executive
Megan Sykes, Senior Project Manager

Toth Sports

Mark McAllister, Architectural Representative
Rusty Knight, District Representative

DISCUSSION:

A general discussion was conducted in effort to finalize schematic design for the project to gather information.



Specific topics discussed were as follows:

I. Toth Sports - Scoreboard

- A. The district is leaning toward the 2nd largest standard scoreboard size offered by Toth.
- B. The district is interested in receiving the “full package” offered by Toth (Training, Scoreboard animation software, educational software for educators and students, digital templates for scoreboard)
- C. The district likes the sound bar integrated into the scoreboard option as opposed to the separate speakers that would be located on poles around the complex.
 - i. The district does not want the sound system at the track and field to interfere with the nearby softball and baseball fields.
- D. Toth will provide scoreboard graphics that incorporate Akron Branding and will provide budgetary numbers for the 3 standard scoreboard sizes.

II. Track and Field

- A. CPL to review provide a two-way pole vault approach.
- B. CPL to review locating discus closer to the shotput and rotating the throwing area to avoid interfering with the adjacent practice field.
- C. The district is okay with all three throwing events sharing the same hardscape standing room as long as the area is sufficiently sized to accommodate all anticipated spectators and athletes.
- D. The district requested that the concrete sidewalk be widened to “about 16 feet” on each end of the pole vault and long/triple jump area to allow for spectating.

III. Plaza

- A. The district has requested that CPL diversify the logos shown in renderings (within the proposed logo options).

IV. Press Box

- A. The district is concerned about data/scoreboard equipment being housed in an unconditioned and easily accessible press box.



- i. CPL & Buffalo Engineers to review how other districts have addressed this issue and present a potential solution(s).

V. Area of Reflection

- A. It would be a sign of disrespect to incorporate symbols from the Iroquois Confederacy Flag in the hardscape of the Area of Reflection.
- B. To prevent a potentially insensitive design, it was proposed that a subcommittee be created to help drive the design of this space.
- C. Chief Roger Hill will share CPL's graphics of this space with other representatives of the Native American community and begin discussions on what cultural element/symbols should be incorporated into this space.
- D. The district liked how the area of reflection is circular.
- E. The district liked the concept of having the land acknowledgement plaque on a boulder.
- F. The district liked the idea of sponsor engraved pavers but felt that they should be separate from the area of reflection.
 - i. It was proposed instead that the sponsor engraved pavers be located in front of the walk of fame wall.

VI. Walk of Fame

- A. No need for a designated area to display divisional/sectional titles.
 - i. The district proposed that if they want to display recent title banners in the space, then they can be suspended from the bleacher structure above.
- B. Although there is sufficient space to display senior athlete banners within the walk of fame, senior athlete banners could be displayed on light poles along the drive to the complex.
 - i. The district is interested in exploring this option.

VII. Concessions Building



- A. The district was pleased with the exterior improvements to the concession building that were presented.
- B. The concessions building needs to continue its use as a concession stand.
- C. The district requested that CPL explore developing 2 temporary team rooms within the storage space.

The foregoing constitutes our understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. If there are any errors or omissions in the basic discussion, please notify the Author within seven days.

Respectfully submitted,

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