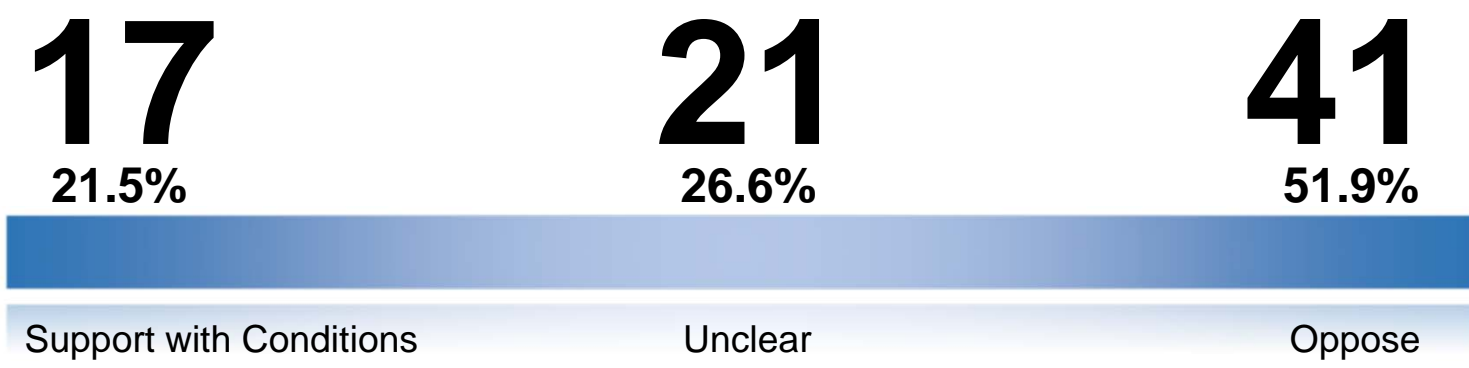


Comment Form ::: Response Summary

Total Responses	141
Hardcopy Form	79
Online (as of 10/29 4:30pm)	62+

Hardcopy Responses:



Comment Form ::: Response Summary

Instructions: Complete the following comment form to provide feedback to the TJ Working Group about priorities for consideration when evaluating whether or not a new elementary school should be located on the TJ site.

Thomas Jefferson Site Evaluation Process Community Open House October 18, 2014	
Name (optional) _____ Community Group/Organization/ Neighborhood _____	
Instructions: Complete the following comment form to provide feedback to the TJ Working Group about priorities for consideration when evaluating whether or not a new elementary school should be located on the TJ site.	
Open Space & Natural Resources	In your opinion, which are the TWO most critical elements related to open space and natural resources in considering the viability of locating a new elementary school on the TJ site.
	<input type="checkbox"/> preserve existing significant trees
	<input type="checkbox"/> maintain the existing or equivalent tree canopy coverage
	<input type="checkbox"/> maintain existing garden, trails, seating and gathering places in their current locations
	<input type="checkbox"/> provide an equivalent amount of open space on site, but not necessarily in the same configuration
<input type="checkbox"/> provide contiguous open space	
Comments: _____	
Recreational Facilities	In your opinion, which are the TWO most critical elements related to recreational facilities in considering the viability of locating a new elementary school on the TJ site.
	<input type="checkbox"/> maintain the existing playing fields and recreational facilities in their current location
	<input type="checkbox"/> devote the same amount of land for appropriately sized playing fields and recreational facilities, but not necessarily in the same locations
	<input type="checkbox"/> keep playing fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, and community center close together
	<input type="checkbox"/> provide community access to recreational facilities throughout the day
<input type="checkbox"/> keep playground but not necessarily in current configuration	
Comments: _____	
Parking	In your opinion, which are the THREE most critical elements related to parking in considering the viability of locating a new elementary school on the TJ site.
	<input type="checkbox"/> provide only surface parking
	<input type="checkbox"/> provide all required parking on-site (on street parking won't count towards requirement)
	<input type="checkbox"/> locate some of the required parking below or partially below grade
	<input type="checkbox"/> provide some or all of the necessary parking in an above grade structure (parking garage)
	<input type="checkbox"/> encourage teachers and staff to utilize alternative modes of transportation to help reduce parking demand
	<input type="checkbox"/> ensure that adequate and conveniently located parking is available for users of the park and community center/theater
<input type="checkbox"/> reduce parking requirements and/or create a shared parking plan for entire site to reduce the need for structured parking (garages or underground)	
Comments: _____	

Open Space and Natural Resources

In your opinion, which are the TWO most critical elements related to open space and natural resources in considering the viability of locating a new elementary school on the TJ site.

Number of Times Selected	Element Choices
51	maintain existing garden, trails, seating and gathering places in their current locations
30	preserve existing significant trees
24	maintain the existing or equivalent tree canopy coverage
21	provide contiguous open space
11	provide an equivalent amount of open space on site, but not necessarily in the same configuration

Comment Form ::: Response Summary

Recreational Facilities

In your opinion, which are the TWO most critical elements related to recreational facilities in considering the viability of locating a new elementary school on the TJ site.

Number of Times Selected	Element Choices
47	provide community access to recreational facilities throughout the day
43	maintain the existing playing fields and recreational facilities in their current location
21	keep playing fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, and community center close together
19	devote the same amount of land for appropriately sized playing fields and recreational facilities, but not necessarily in the same locations
8	keep playground but not necessarily in current configuration

Comment Form ::: Response Summary

Parking

In your opinion, which are the **THREE** most critical elements related to parking in considering the viability of locating a new elementary school on the TJ site.

Number of Times Selected	Element Choices
48	ensure that adequate and conveniently located parking is available for users of the park and community center/theater
42	locate some of the required parking below or partially below grade
33	provide all required parking on-site (on street parking won't count towards requirement)
24	reduce parking requirements and/or create a shared parking plan for entire site to reduce the need for structured parking (garages or underground)
15	provide some or all of the necessary parking in an above grade structure (parking garage)
14	encourage teachers and staff to utilize alternative modes of transportation to help reduce parking demand
5	provide only surface parking

Comment Form ::: Response Summary

Circulation

In your opinion, which are the **THREE** most critical elements related to circulation in considering the viability of locating a new elementary school on the TJ site.

Number of Times Selected	Element Choices
43	provide safe pedestrian and bike routes to school building and community center entrances
25	separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic on site to reduce potential conflicts
18	separate parent and school bus drop-off and pick-up areas
17	provide adequate room for the new configuration of the drop-off and pick-up areas on site
13	provide separate circulation routes for the elementary and middle school
8	locate the drop-off area in a highly visible location near the main building entrance
1	maintain the current circulation routes for buses and parent drop-off/pick-up

Comment Form ::: Response Summary

School Siting & Design

In your opinion, which are the TWO most critical elements related to school siting & design in considering the viability of locating a new elementary school on the TJ site.

Number of Times Selected	Element Choices
45	utilize a multi-story school building design to limit expansion of the building footprint (and impact on existing surface uses)
16	use the new school as an opportunity to improve the function and layout of the existing middle school
15	locate the new school building in close proximity to the middle school to facilitate the sharing of resources and space
14	maintain compatibility, in terms of building massing and scale, with the existing neighborhood context
9	provide elevated and secure play areas for dedicated elementary school recreation

Comment Form ::: Response Summary

“Keep middle and elementary students separate.”

“Think outside the box and use vacant office buildings for new schools.”

“Build up, not out.”

“Patrick henry should get the elementary school.”

“Don't waste time and money - find new site for elementary school.”

“Keep garden in same location untouched be renovations.”

“Please build parking underground.”

Summary of Comments on Building Schemes ::: Scheme 1



- Lack of visibility and perceived access into park was a major detraction
- Bus loop is a safety concern
- Adverse impact on recreational cohesion/park space
- Overall, thought to be the worst of the schemes presented

Summary of Comments on Building Schemes ::: Scheme 2



- Best option with regard to preserving existing open space and park features
- Underground parking is a plus, but need to know the cost
- Concern about increasing traffic at S. Old Glebe and sunken plaza design
- Overall, thought to be the best of the schemes presented

Summary of Comments on Building Schemes ::: Scheme 3



- Proposal shifts locations of existing park features (e.g., tennis courts, garden), resulting in concerns about maintaining its cohesion
- Concern about proposed bus queue and impact on existing street parking
- School location would box in the community center

Summary of Comments on Building Schemes ::: Scheme 4



- Scheme retains existing ball fields and courts but may negatively impact existing tree canopy and trail
- Traffic concerns on S. Old Glebe Road
- Proposed building location(s) increases distance between educational and public spaces for students, particularly during recess and lunch times.
- Concern about internal circulation for elementary students between the two buildings.
- Site layout limits pedestrian access on the north.

Summary of Comments on Building Schemes ::: General

- Build up, not out
- Need to know cost implications of things like underground parking
- Elementary and middle school students should be separate
- Increased traffic and lack of parking are concerns, particularly if school will be a choice school
- Consider other options besides TJ; general preference to not locate a school here



Summary of Transportation Comments ::: Parking

- School will negatively impact availability of parking in the neighborhood
- Locate new parking underground to save space BUT account for the cost of it now to ensure that it gets built
- Maintain conveniently located parking for community center users
- Open up school parking to neighborhood residents
- Seek alternative off-site parking options (e.g., churches north of Arlington Boulevard)

Summary of Transportation Comments ::: Traffic and Safety

- Second Street issues/observations:
 - needs safety improvements to be acceptable for small children to utilize
 - is a cut-through alternative to Arlington Boulevard
 - intersection with Old Glebe Road needs work
- Biggest traffic issues are during school pick-up and drop-off times
- Consider the following traffic improvements:
 - All-way stops on Second Street at Irving Street and Old Glebe Road
 - Traffic signal at Second Street and S. Glebe Road (to allow left turn access onto Second Street)
 - “Jug-handle” left turns at Irving Street and Arlington Boulevard
 - Pedestrian bridge over S. Irving Street