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By and for the West End Neighborhood

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 22

West End Association

December meeting
canceled for the
holidays.

January 6

Historic Resources
Commission Meeting
4:00 PM
Bryce A. Stuart
Municipal Building
Room 530

January 13

Historic resources
Commission Certificate
of Appropriateness
Application Submittal
Deadline 5:00PM for
February meeting

January 26

West End Association
Meeting
6:00PM
West End Room
Central YMCA

Christmas Schedules

West End Garbage and Yard Waste

-Thurs. Dec. 24 pickup
delayed until Monday
Dec.28

-Thurs. Dec. 31 pickup
delayed until Monday
Jan. 4

West End Recycling Schedules

Monday Dec. 21
Tuesday Jan 5

Planning Renovations?

Consult the West End
Historic Overlay District
Design Review Guide.
http://historicwestend.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/WE_Guidelines_2006.pdf

historicwestend.org

December 2015

Brunson Elementary and the 2016 School Bonds

by Jan Campbell Wharton

Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools (WSFCS) announced in August they would ask county commissioners to include a school bond referendum on the November 2016 ballot. The school board has created a prioritized list of projects totaling over \$500 million. In a meeting held November 5th, school board members presented these priorities to county commissioners, who indicated \$300 million would be the maximum amount they could approve for a school bond. The school board is now working to narrow the list.

Rebuilding Brunson Elementary is the 4th overall priority on the school board's list, and the estimated \$25.5 million cost, would fall well within the amount likely to gain county commissioners' approval.

The current Brunson Elementary School was built in 1954 at the corner of Hawthorne and 1st Street. The residential area includes West Highlands, West End, east Ardmore, north Peters Creek Parkway area, parts of Buena Vista, and all of downtown. Brunson is a racially and socioeconomically diverse school. Students are 38% white, 31% Hispanic, 18% Black, 6% Asian, and 6% other races. 53% of students receive free/reduced price lunch, which qualifies Brunson as a Title 1 School.

Brunson is the county's only elementary STEM magnet program, serves as one of two sites for the county's Highly Academically Gifted program, and offers a transitional English as a Second Language program. SchoolGrades.org reports that 75% of Brunson Elementary students achieved state proficiency in both Reading and Math, and the NC Department of Education assigned the school a letter grade of A. These ratings are based on 2013-2014 end-of-grade (EOG) testing results (the most recent available).

The school board has proposed rebuilding Brunson several times in the last decade. In 2009 and 2011, plans to combine Brunson and Cook Elementary were opposed by groups from both schools. In response to the 2011 plan to merge the two schools in a renovated building on Cook's campus, residents of West End, West Highlands, and Buena Vista collected and presented petitions opposing the merger at a school board meeting. As a result, a parent committee was appointed by the school board to study alternative locations for rebuilding Brunson. Several possible locations were identified, including the site beside where the stadium is now proposed to be built. *Continued next page >*

Hanes Park Repair & Renovations Master Plan

Learn about the plan at <http://millerla.com/hanesparkplan/>
Submit your comments BEFORE 31 Dec 2015



Brunson Elementary (from pg. 1)

Cook Elementary School is located on Thurmond Street just north of Northwest Boulevard. The school has a current enrollment of 250 students. A number of students in the residential area go to other schools through WSFCS School Choice program. SchoolGrades.org reports that 99% of students at Cook receive free/reduced price lunch. And on 2013-2014 EOG tests, 11% of students achieved state proficiency. The NC Department of Education assigned the school a letter grade of F based on these results.

The parent committee charged with finding other options for Brunson in 2011 was told that rebuilding Brunson on its current site was not feasible because the property lies within a 100 year flood plain and that the 7.23 acre site is not large enough for an elementary school. However, between April and June of 2012, the Architectural firm Walter, Robbs, Callahan, and Pierce was asked by the district to create a concept plan for rebuilding Brunson on the current site. This plan was reportedly presented publicly by Darrel Walker, WSFCS Chief of Operations, and Bill Powell, WSFCS Facilities and Construction Manager, during a May 2012 meeting with a neighborhood group to discuss plans for the stadium.

Mr. Powell provided this site plan along with a list of reasons he says the plans were determined to be unfeasible. He said he does not recall this proposal being tied to the stadium, and that, "This (the plan) was discussed with the school superintendent and the Building and Grounds Committee Chair on or about April - June 2012. There was never a vote on the Brunson at Brunson small urban site as it did not garner enough support to expand the design concept without any assurances of approvals." In a follow-up phone conversation, he explained the approvals he refers to are those that would need to be obtained from a federal environmental impact study.

Current plans to rebuild Brunson are not finalized, although Cook Elementary, which is the lowest performing school in the state of North Carolina, will be closed. How Cook's area will be redistricted is yet undetermined. Based on information gathered from the November 5th County Commissioner/School Board meeting, a WSFCS Parent Advisory Council meeting held November 19, 2015, and discussions with various school district employees and School Board Chair Dana Caudill Jones, we know the following about plans for Brunson and other parts of the 2016 school bond proposal that could directly affect the West End:

- Brunson will be rebuilt, probably on a different site (potentially a parcel on The Children's Home property) and its capacity would increase from

400 to 800 students. Brunson is currently well over its capacity with 650 students enrolled. The potential Children's Home site is an approximately 12-acre field adjacent to Thurman Street. Bill Powell, Facilities and Construction manager for WSFCS, said they have looked at 11 possible sites.

- Two pre-K classrooms will be added.
- Cook Elementary School will be closed and/or repurposed (one idea is as a pre-k center), and Cook Elementary students will be sent to other schools. This will happen regardless of whether a bond is passed. Beverly Emory stated at the PAC meeting, Cook students would be sent to districts that made sense geographically. The repurposing of Cook's building currently falls in the bottom tier of proposed projects and would not likely be financed by a bond.
- Projects that are currently 4th tier priorities on the list of bond projects (and thus not likely to fall within the amount county commissioners would approve): Increasing capacity for Wiley Middle and replacing the gym (that would be torn down for the stadium), and repurposing Brunson land (potentially for bus parking and/or to support additional parking for the proposed stadium).

Potential Issues for West End Residents:

- Children in the West End, West Highlands, Runnymede, Ardmore, and Buena Vista neighborhoods regularly walk or bike to school. This would no longer be possible if the new school is placed at the Children's Home or other remote locations. Access from other areas of the Brunson residential area would also become more difficult.
- Nearly 650 students are currently enrolled at Brunson. If half of Cook's residential area were added to Brunson, as was proposed in 2009 and 2011, Brunson's enrollment would grow by another 120 students (based on current enrollment) plus the number who choose to go to Brunson instead of other schools through school choice. The new Brunson would likely reach its 800 child capacity from its inception, leaving no room for growth in the downtown urban core.
- Elementary schools that exceed 800 students are considered large by educational standards. Several nearby schools currently enroll fewer than 600 students including Whitaker (on an 18 acre site) and Sherwood Forest (on a 22 acre site).

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Brunson Elementary (from pg. 2)



- In 2000, the North Carolina State Board of Education generated a report that examined the relationship between school size and achievement at the elementary level points toward an inverse relationship as "smaller elementary schools tend to have higher achievement." The report goes on to warn that increased school sizes may save costs up front but often result in greater costs in remediating lower student achievement and problem behavior.
- "The current school bond proposal does not provide new residential schools for downtown as both the Downtown Winston-Salem Plan and Legacy Plans call for," said City Council Representative Jeff Macintosh. "The city, Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, and those of us who live and work downtown, and many other groups have worked to redevelop the downtown area, and

this growth is only sustainable with good schools to serve the area."

- Plans for the current Brunson site are unclear and could be objectionable to the character of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Please continue to follow the plans for rebuilding Brunson. We will report further information as it becomes available. School Board Chair Dana Caudill and Superintendent Beverly Emory will meet with a parent group regarding Brunson in January. WSFCS has promised to hold public meetings early next year, in which they will give specifics of the bond proposal and take public feedback. Please attend these meetings and call upon city and county leaders to influence and assist the school district in providing good schools that serve our neighborhood as well as the downtown area. The health of our residential schools is exceedingly important to the future of the West End.



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The new three-way stop at the intersection of Clover Street and West End Boulevard is now a reality. Warning signs notify drivers of an impending stop, and temporary signs have been placed in the center of the crosswalks until drivers become accustomed to stopping.

Plans for the repair and renovation of Hanes Park recommend further modifications to the intersection as one of the top priorities. There is a proposal for removal of asphalt in the intersection to expose the historic pavers below or replacement with new granite pavers. In addition, landscaped areas will be added to offset on-street parking and narrow West End Boulevard to shorten the crosswalks. A new walkway is proposed to provide access to the playground along with a bollard and rail treatment along the sidewalk to better protect the playground. These changes will serve to increase pedestrian safety as well as visually enhance the entrance to the park.



A complete presentation of the proposals for Hanes Park is at www.millerla.com/hanesparkplan.

Submit your comments before December 31st.

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