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Susan, thank you for your response and for introducing yourself during our visit to BVSD today. I would also like to recognize Helen Kamin of the Legal Counsel's office, who was very courteous and helpful during our visit to review the records.

I believe that at least two members of the Historic Preservation Commission will be present on Tuesday, but with only five days' notice of the meeting, I am not sure that there will be greater participation. Also, while I understand that there was a request for a written position statement, this may not be possible. There is simply not time for the full Commission to meet before then, particularly given the Louisville code and charter provisions regarding meetings. It may be possible for some sort of a written statement to be presented, but it will necessarily reflect the work of only one or two individuals, not the full Commission, and certainly not the community at large.

Thank you (to all responsible) for the production of the records that were made available today. I have not had a chance to review them in detail, but, as you noted, they do not appear to contain any cost estimates for preservation of the historic portion of LMS. We believed that there would have been some sort of cost analysis of preservation before the decision to demolish was made, to allow those involved to make an informed decision. Any analysis prepared now will be very different from one that might have been prepared a year ago, before plans had been adopted. Nonetheless, we appreciate the information that will be prepared now.

Also, as you may be aware, a letter to the editor appeared in yesterday's Daily Camera which contained false information regarding the composition of the DAT. This was disturbing to read, although I do not blame BVSD for this misinformation.

Again, I appreciate your response and offer to answer further questions. As I review the records, I may contact you again. Otherwise, I will see you Tuesday. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have also.

Mike Koertje

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Mr. Koertje –

Don Orr is out of town and he asked me to get back to you on his behalf. I apologize for not being able to get back to you yesterday.

As you noted in your e-mail, Superintendent King has asked the LMS DAT to reconvene for several meetings to receive and process input from the Louisville historical preservation community. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you and the Louisville Historical Preservation Commission to the next meeting which will be held January 29, at 7 p.m. at the Louisville Middle School library.

Regarding your requests for information,

- 1) The members of the Louisville Middle School Design Advisory Team were chosen by the school principal who extended an open invitation to anyone who was interested to apply. The invitation was extended verbally at a public meeting held February 23, 2007 and to the school community through standard school communications. The DAT includes 17 members from the school and Louisville community. Some members of the team bring perspectives to the group beyond their interest in the school as parents or staff. For example, Don Brown is a City Councilman and Billy O'Donnell has a personal interest in historical preservation as exhibited by his restoration of a large 1881 duplex in Denver and work related to obtaining historic designation for this building and its entire block. Mr. O'Donnell is also a current member in the Louisville Historical Society and a former member of Historic Denver. While neither Mr. Brown nor Mr. O'Donnell served on the DAT to officially represent either the City of Louisville or historical preservation interests, these additional perspectives added value to the process.

- 2) The minutes from the LMS DAT meetings have been posted on the LMS Web site since the meetings began in April. You can access them at: <http://schools.bvsvd.org/louisvillemiddle/piratesshipyard.htm>. The minutes are also included in the documents compiled for your previous request.
  
- 3) Documentation of the DAT discussions concerning preserving historical elements of the building is available in the DAT minutes as well as in the schematic design documents being made available to you through your previous open records request. It should be noted these schematic design documents were shared with the City of Louisville July 26, with the Louisville City Council Sept. 4, and with the public at the open house held at the school September 18. Currently there are not cost estimates for the various scenarios available. For the most part, information related to the cost and feasibility of various preservation scenarios was presented verbally to the DAT and discussed. We have asked the architect to prepare general cost and schedule information for the January 29 DAT meeting.

Let me know if you have any other questions. I hope you are able to attend the meeting Tuesday.

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Mr. Orr, first of all I would like to thank you for attending the Louisville Historic Preservation Commission meeting last week, and for making yourself available for public questioning. I am sure that it was not an entirely pleasant evening for you, but it was appreciated. We realize that was something that you did not have to do, but that you came voluntarily.

We also appreciate that Superintendent King is reviewing this issue. I know that you met with him before this was announced last week.

Second, if you don't mind, I have a few requests for further information:

- 1) I understood you to say at the meeting that you believed that a member (or members) of the preservation community was involved with the Louisville Middle School DAT. Do you mind telling me who you believe that person or persons to be, and how they were recruited for the DAT?

2) You (or another BVSD representative at the meeting) indicated that the DAT minutes were available. Can you tell me if they are available on-line? If not, can I review them in person or obtain copies (by PDF, if possible)? I am reviewing records at BVSD on Friday at 9 a.m., if it would be easier for you or someone to make them available then. Helen Kamin has been my primary contact for the other request.

3) As part of what will be made available to me on Friday, hopefully there will be prior cost estimates for preserving the historic structure and/or façade, as well as the architect's written determination that preserving this part of the building was too cost prohibitive, or otherwise undesirable to retain. I have seen cost estimates for the different options of preserving Casey Middle School, and wondered if similar documents existed for Louisville Middle School.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to your response.

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