

Small Group #5 Feedback from Brainstorming

Our Small Group's Suggestions and Questions

Compiled during the May 4 Briscoe Forum

Summarized for the Ashland School Board and School District Staff

SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR SMALL GROUP

These suggestions are stand-alone suggestions, definitely not all mutually compatible. But the group felt they all had enough merit to forward to you:

- Please do everything possible to turn the Briscoe and Lincoln playgrounds and playing fields into dedicated city parks
- Consider unabashedly adding the cost of annual Briscoe and Lincoln grounds maintenance to the upcoming bond issue. Our group felt that there are a lot of Briscoe and Lincoln voters that might view the bond issue favorably if that is included.
- Explore the potential for Ashland Parks and Recreation Dept. to acquire the whole Briscoe property, using the building for Parks programs and perhaps for current tenants as well
- Use Briscoe and Lincoln grounds and buildings as training sites for high school vocational education students to learn skills, and as a center for a vocational education program.
- Demolish the Briscoe building and make the whole property a city park
- Please ask the Ashland Parks and Recreation commissioners and staff to have one or more representatives at our follow-up forum, so that citizens attending can hear their views on the practicality and steps needed for Briscoe playground to become a city park

QUESTIONS FROM OUR SMALL GROUP

- Would a citizen group be helpful to facilitate talks or negotiations between Ashland School District and Ashland Parks and Recreation Department?
- Would a citizen fund-raising effort help in transforming Briscoe playground into a city park?
- Would it be helpful for citizens to form a group to help maintain the Briscoe grounds?
- Is any portion of the Briscoe building currently unused and potentially available for other income-generating purposes?
- If the Briscoe property is sub-divided into a building portion and a playground portion, would the building portion be sold to the highest bidder?
- How much will it cost to demolish the Briscoe building?