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**Project:** WHS - Athletic Field Master Plan

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**Issue No.** 1

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The following are notes from the community forum held on March 3, 2016. We have left the notes as written on each of the group's bullet pointed lists. We will include these as we begin to prepare the overall Master plan document.

**GROUP #1**

1. FIELD! High quality playing field.
2. 400m Track – second straight away – good option.
3. Sports Lighting – community feel/positive, extends practice times (change \$)
4. Repair – improve upper field – Water (Cost of “game level” upper field vs just practice)
5. Sound system with quality and control of impact to neighbors
6. Entryway behind stands – interesting (ok with stand repair)
  - a. Sport “banner way” outside
  - b. How does “old field” get disposed of?
  - c. Essential to have staged (alternative bids)
  - d. View is important – Stands should be up high – As Is!
  - e. Need room for Band

**GROUP #2**

1. Upper Field
  - a. Blow through adventure course
  - b. Level, lengthen & terrace Upper Field
  - c. Turf field replacement
  - d. Wire for lights
2. Track & Field
  - a. Sports Lighting
    - i. Technology has changed
    - ii. Use tree buffer
    - iii. Wire for it
  - b. Remove visitor stands
  - c. Pipe drainage system (as with softball field and tennis courts)
  - d. ADA parking / tree buffer

**GROUP #3**

1. We would love more storage, press box too small, does not serve purpose well
  2. Multiple jump pits (long/triple)
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3. Could we...
  - a. Go to 8 lanes on far side
  - b. Eliminate visitor bleacher
  - c. Create storage bldg. on far side and nice plaza area
4. Track surface in D area or Turf
5. Covered LJ/TJ pits
6. SPORTS LIGHTING! Need to be considered to bring town together / consistency of availability to youth groups
7. Wider upper field – would be huge, could we use edges as arboretum?
8. Solar in parking lot?
9. Can we find ways to be environmentally conscious / wind towers, solar, etc
10. Turf upper field? Look at handicapped access to upper field.
11. Can small field across fit at Baseball field....be turned into parking or another useable field.
12. We like the idea of a handicapped walkway to top of bleachers
13. Plaza on far side of track for standing and watching events
14. Put main speakers on far side, pointed towards home bleachers?

#### **GROUP #4**

1. School Funding Priorities
  - a. Sound, Sports Lighting concerns, upper field ideas explored
  - b. 400m Track renovation is a must (especially 2<sup>nd</sup> straight-away, expanded lanes)
2. D Areas
3. Optional Items – make list
  - a. Do we really need Sports Lighting?
  - b. Lose visitor seating
4. Lose visitor seating, expand lanes to the east, add seating
5. Need storage issues addressed

#### **GROUP #5**

1. Integrate into environment and community, community sensitive.
2. Green space, landscape, community benefits, arboretum shelter, trees
3. Sustainable – energy positive – see parking lot solar covers
4. Sound system – enhance performance / sound engineering
5. Community Sensitivity – Consider:
  - a. Light pollution
  - b. Sound pollution
  - c. Toxic material leaching
  - d. Traffic
  - e. Security
6. Enhance with green space
  - a. Arboretum, alternative energy, wind, solar

This represents our understanding of the progress to date. Please notify our office immediately of any discrepancies or additional information regarding the above. Thank you for your time and consideration with regard to this matter.

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