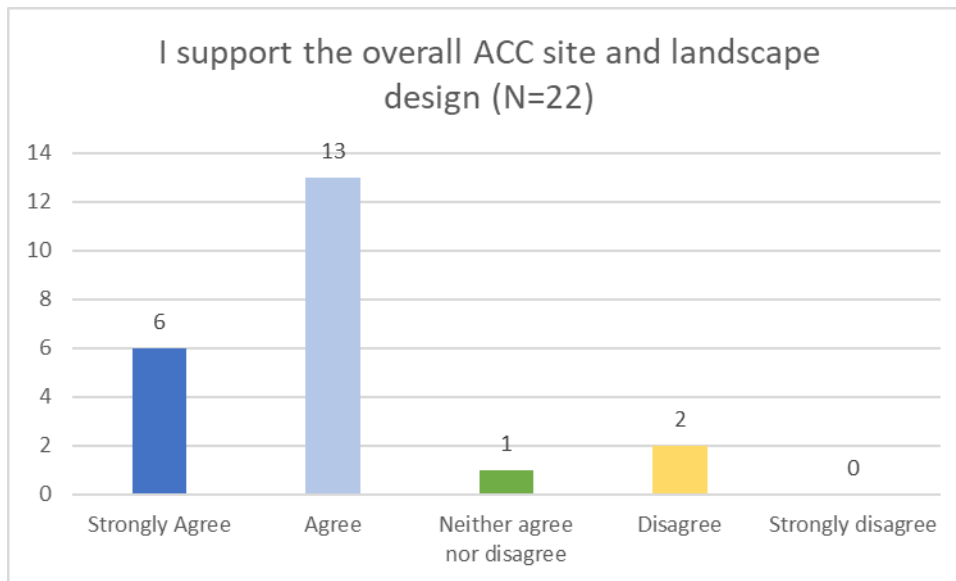


## ACC Schematic Design Meeting #6

### Arlington Public School Staff Notes from PFRC Breakout Group

August 31, 2022

#### Site and Landscape:



Will the community have input regarding the fencing that will go around play areas? I am not only concerned about balls rolling into the street but ensuring that no one can easily get access to the children.

Similarly, will the community have the chance to opine on exterior lighting?

Love the overall site with all the trees planned. Please clarify the timing when parking will be available, when field space will be available etc.) S. Stricker clarified phasing

Concern about the width of the service road: will it be wide enough for multiple delivery vehicles for the cafeteria and other CTE? Staff clarified that the drawing shows a placeholder and final with will be determined after speaking with food service etc.

When Ted asked to see a show of hands indicating overall support, 12 people supported

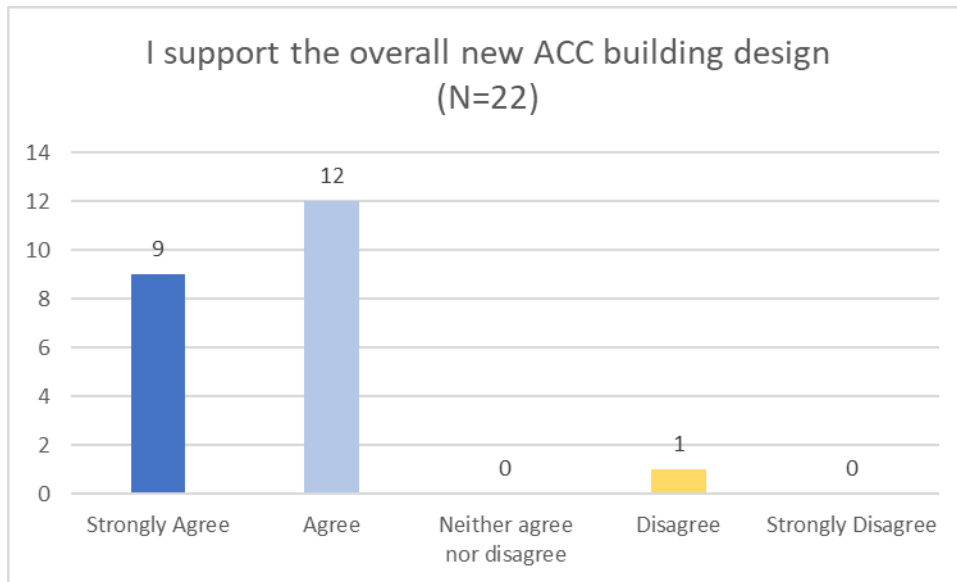
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Member noted that the BLPC was never asked about whether they would support having all three buildings remain. She prefers the Alt ed specs. She appreciates the cap on the number of students at the site, but the site is not required to have that many. There is the implied 'threat' that if we only build the smaller building that APs might keep MPSA where it is. She rejects that.

Another member amplified that she had assumed that the plan to create alt ed specs with a possibility of adding on the 450 seats was deliberately so that that decision could be made after we knew what the 'green space' would look like with the demolition of MPSA. The addition would be part of the future public process with the plan for the rest of the site finalized.

Of course, the alternate ed specs look better, but the added seats would meet the needs of the program and the school system. It's harder to prefer the base ed specs with the MPSA building still there.

**The Building:**



ASESAC rep K Schuler appreciates all the attention to the exterior and hopes that will extend to the interior (space in elevators for someone to push a wheelchair; place of refuge on 4<sup>th</sup> floor in case of fire, ambient noise considerations etc)

99% great. Questions whether the image of a hand on the wall on slide 14 is appropriate.

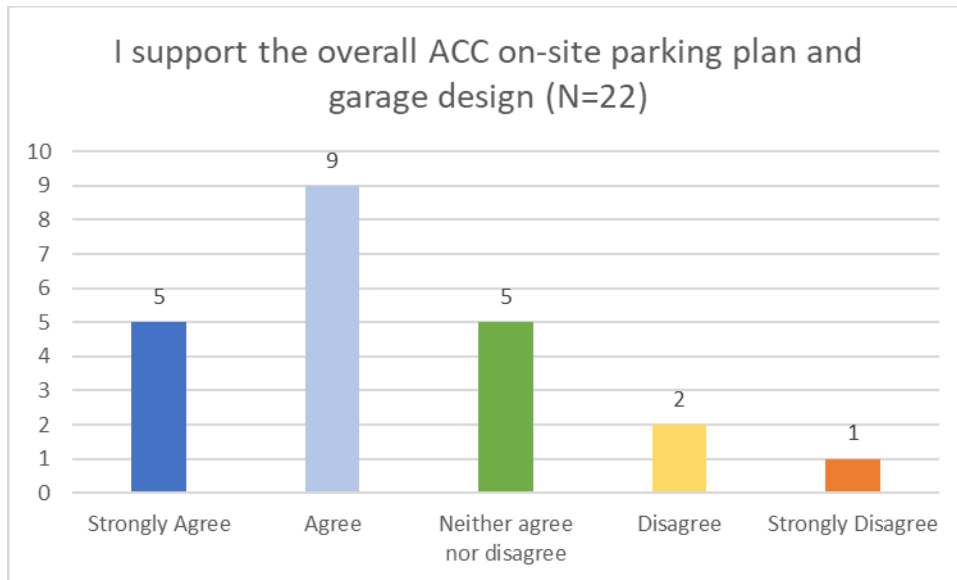
The awning appears to have holes – how is that helpful when it rains?

Have we optimized a green roof option?

Someone remarked that the one-story step-down along 7<sup>th</sup> is a hallway, a joke.

Ted summary: APS will need to be sensitive to final exterior materials so that the building fits in with the surrounding neighborhood. The group likes the alt ed specs.

## The Garage:



Generally okay with it but disappointed the community hasn't seen a good schematic design – feels more like concept blocking. Member would prefer a screen along 9<sup>th</sup> Street for pedestrians – fins only work for someone driving by. If walking still looking at parked cars.

Big picture: the ACC is a Countywide facility, and most people can't walk. Parking is critical for family engagement also.

MMTA inclusion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for parking is ridiculous.

Nobody wants metering on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

MPSA rep says the community endorses the plan, but parking should accommodate the entire campus community. MPSA loves the idea of maximizing green play area, but not at the expense of parking. Clearly, we want adequate parking. Learn the lessons of Fleet and parent PUDO (sick child) and for substitutes...

Do not depend on 80 spaces in the neighborhood. Include enough spaces for parents and students.

Consider partially undergrounding garage for added capacity without added height (see Shirlington) NOBODY likes metered parking on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. (Member conceded that it works for part-time students coming to ACC).

Parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street isn't realistic.

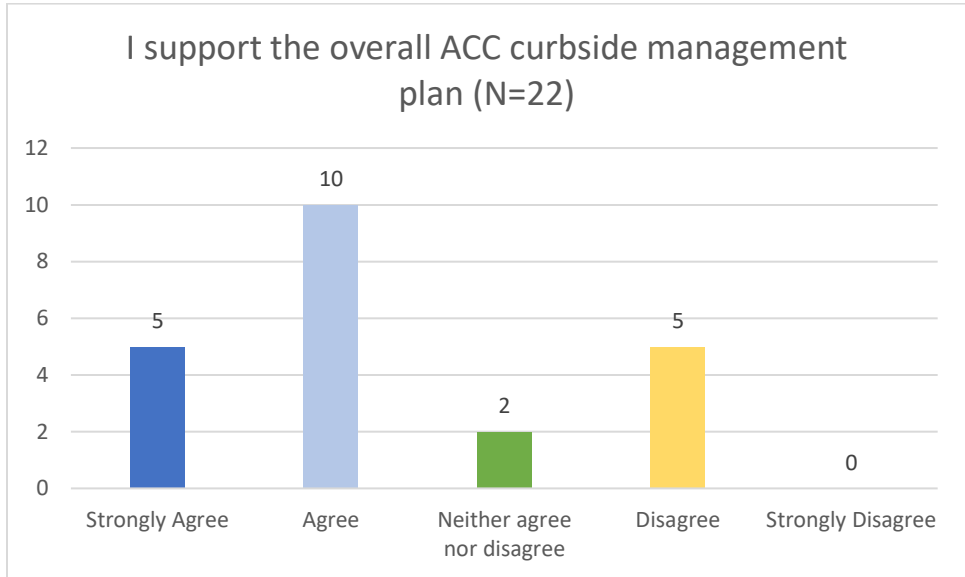
A second Street neighbor said she drove to the meeting as she was short on time. Parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street isn't reasonable.

Could the garage be connected to the current ACC with a pass-through hallway to the other side? Are there security concerns with MPSA (elementary students) in the building?

Keep the stairwells open (not screened) for security.

Ted messages heard: Build to capacity, emphasize safety. The group would like more detail as soon as possible.

**Curbside Management:**



The County should turn 9<sup>th</sup> Street over to APS. There should be no meters.

Consider slanted parking along 9<sup>th</sup> Street (it's wide enough).

MPSA PUDO is a problem now and getting worse.

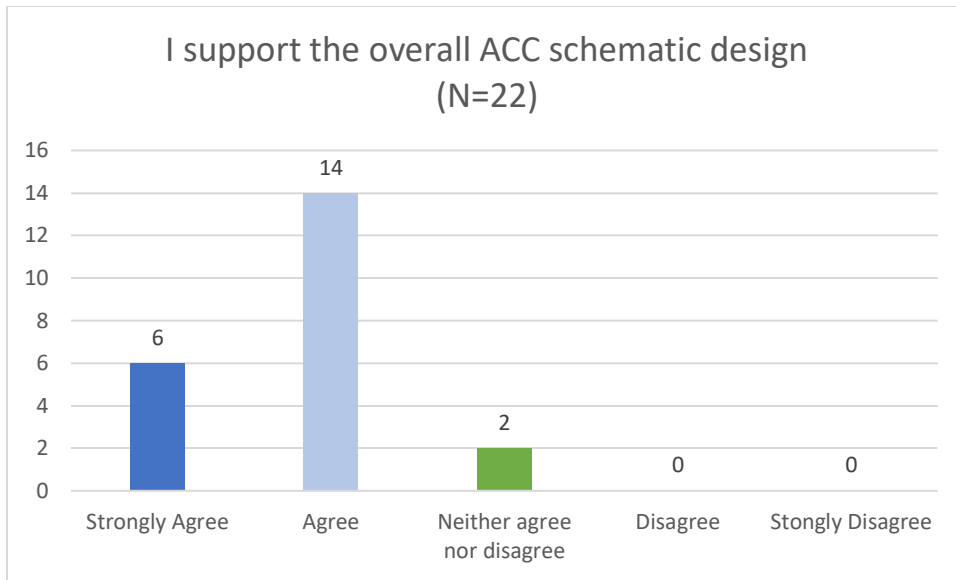
Construction will extend 4 years and beyond. Please don't count curbside parking in the demand as this will not be fully available during construction. Curbside PUDO will be even worse if all the street parking spaces are full. PUDO assumptions about # cars lining up is inadequate. This is not being sensitive to the neighborhood.

The number of ADA spaces marked for MPSA is two for both staff and students PUDO. This was a major issue at Fleet. Learn from experience. Preserve curbside spaces for short-term, not for parking – or you will encourage double parking.

How will construction impact curbside parking availability and PUDO?

Ted: on-site parking is a necessity for good curbside management.

**Overall Schematic Design:**



**Other:**

Thank you for all the diligent work and the real progress over the past years on this site.

The site plan drawings don't indicate where the contractor staging areas will be or when for each of the phases. It will be important to communicate with the community on this. S. Stricker said they are getting started looking at the construction lay-down space.

The County owns 9<sup>th</sup> Street and it can vacate it giving easement to APS. 9<sup>th</sup> Street could be only for parking access, not right-of-way traffic. Then we could push the parking garage out further. We could have more green space and pull the garage away from Highland Street. It would give us elbow room and flexibility.

There has been tons of progress, yet APS will need to keep transparency and sensitivity at the fore. Felt the summer was problematic in terms of getting feedback from the FAC.

Closing 9<sup>th</sup> Street would be a game-changer.

Ted: This is a big project that will impose big costs on the neighbors because of the construction. APS needs to be sensitive even when it really doesn't have many options just to communicate so there aren't surprises.