

AISD- ROSEDALE MEETING 1/25/22

What do you think are the greatest challenges in the community?

- Serious concerns about flooding in shoal creek. Nothing over a couple stories seems appropriate.
- Lack of low cost housing for Texans on a 30 year Medicaid waitlist.
- Lack of preparation for career, life and independent living. 90% of Texans with disabilities are not employed.
- This location is surrounded by homes, trees, state historic monuments.
 - You would destroy the homes on both sides of shoal creek on 49th street. It can flood
- Certainly not a lot of impervious cover
- No schools in that area
- The amendment to the City's Mobility Plan they'll have a street running right next to sidewalk, a plan that's in conflict with your project
- Historic Hancock Farmstead
- Affordable housing, AISD's teachers, families, and students
- Not enough spaces that cover/provide education outside of curriculum
- Rosedale served students city-wide, so neighborhood doesn't have interest, Rosedale should remain in service to students with disability
- Support for those with disabilities
- Lack of affordable housing

Why do you think those challenges are happening?

- Neighborhood in transition. Extremely expensive
- Why housing has become so unaffordable is a complex question! Lots of migration from other states and population growth. No commitment from the city council to use the code effectively to ensure small modest quality housing supply is maintained. Developers are for profit and they profit the most from building expensive housing - even when city gets commitments to affordable housing, developers know they can blow it off. (See the Grove near here.) Shall I go on?

What are some examples you've seen in the community, or in other places, to address similar challenges?

- Rosedale should remain in service to those who fell through the cracks during their education in AISD.
- Adult literacy, vocational rehabilitation, etc
- Blind school, Criss Cole center
- A coffee shop that employs people with disabilities to earn a living wage.
- Dense affordable housing units for teachers and perhaps subsidized for people with disabilities.
 - Someone agrees/seconds this comment
- A park like Ramsey park
- A need for high quality, affordable child care
- A polling place
- A training facility for movement/performance arts
 - 2nd purpose rooms for things like polling stations
- Co-locating childcare and housing
- Multi-purpose space, a town center
- School for children with learning differences sharing recreation areas and other facilities like gym and meeting rooms with the Rosedale community.

How can we put this all together to envision a final solution to address the needs?

- End purpose can make the cliff less steep that students with disabilities fall off of when leaving the district
- What use can we get out of the existing building?
- Keeping an education focus would be a good thing
 - Combine day-care for young folks and seniors
 - Opportunities for disabled people to transition into life
 - Open space for people in community to go there
 - Affordable housing restricted to those in AISD community
- A community garden would be a good way to help with easing our carbon footprint and perhaps a flower/ vegetable garden that has a work training function could be a good way to help those with disabilities to develop skills
- I'm reflecting on the idea of "paying rent" to an Indigenous community/group/nation in our area, regardless of whatever ends up there. No idea if that's possible. Just an idea.
- A multi-purpose community center with reuse of the current building
- Using the space as a school and teacher training center does not rule out also using the space as a community center and park. I love the idea of combining all for the benefit of the Rosedale community and the greater Austin community. Using the Rosedale property to expand on what AISD strives to do for children would make the property an asset. If the district could consider leasing the space to an entity which could make all this happen, it could be a win-win. The district would hold onto the asset, and the community would benefit from the use of the space and the services provided.