
Fletcher Johnson School Public Meeting

February 22, 2017



Agenda

- Introductions
- Goals and Overview of the Meeting
- Overview of the Fletcher Johnson site
- Review previous RFO
- Discussion
- Next Steps and Timeline

Goals for this Meeting

- Share our findings about potential uses for the Fletcher Johnson site.
- Ensure the community is informed about the surplus and reuse process and next steps.
- Reengage the community and begin to gather additional feedback to develop a new solicitation.

School Reuse Process



- DC Code requires that the District receives offers for reuse on surplus school buildings from charter schools before any other offer
 - An RFO was issued in September 2014, but no award was made.

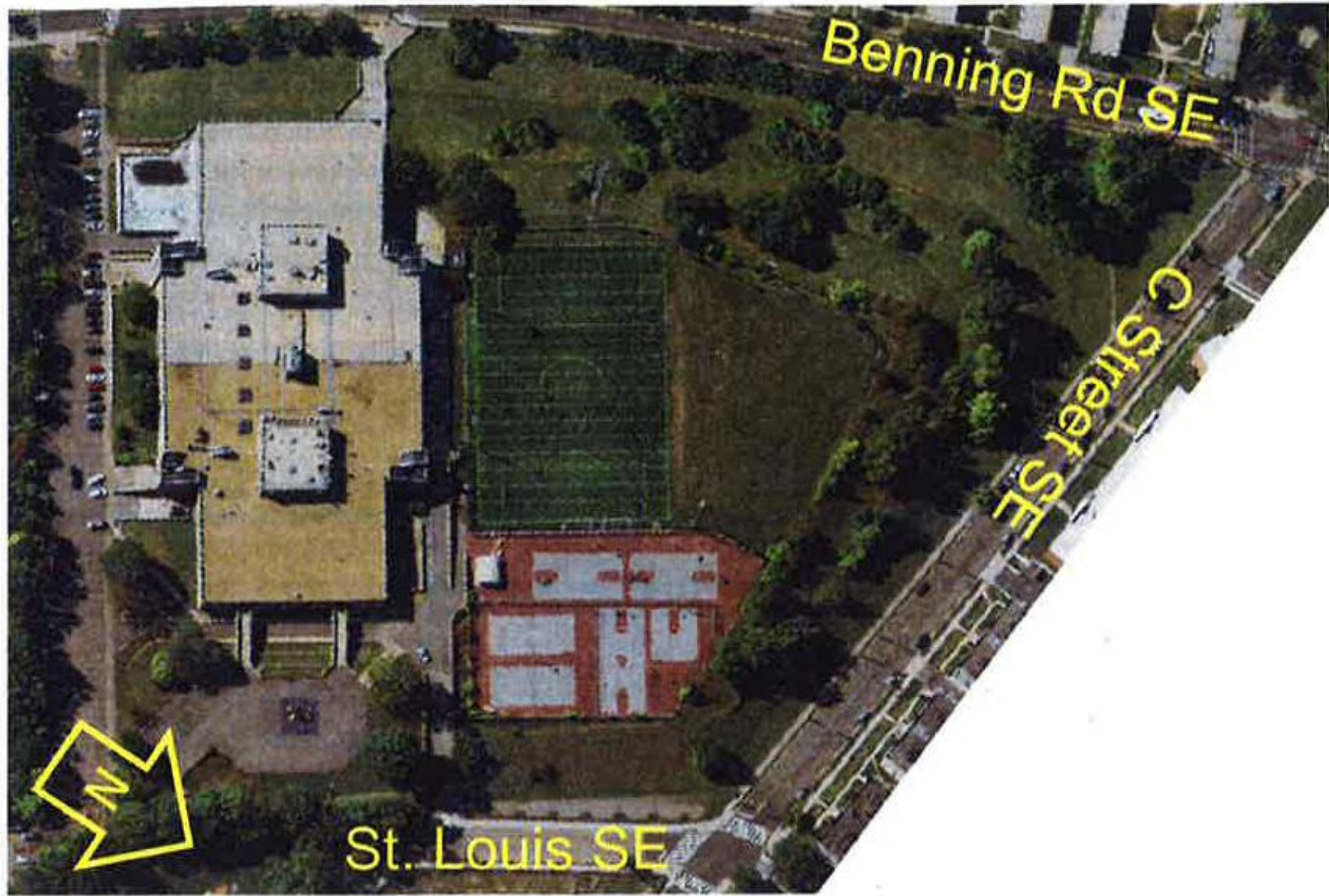
History of the Fletcher Johnson School

- Fletcher Johnson first opened its doors to students in January 1977.
- The facility is roughly 300,000 SF and was designed to serve more than 1,000 students from 1st grade through junior high school.
- The facility provided additional support services including a health center and community center.
- Fletcher Johnson closed in 2008, though a portion of the building was previously leased to a public charter school, and then was used as a swing space during the modernization of HD Woodson HS.

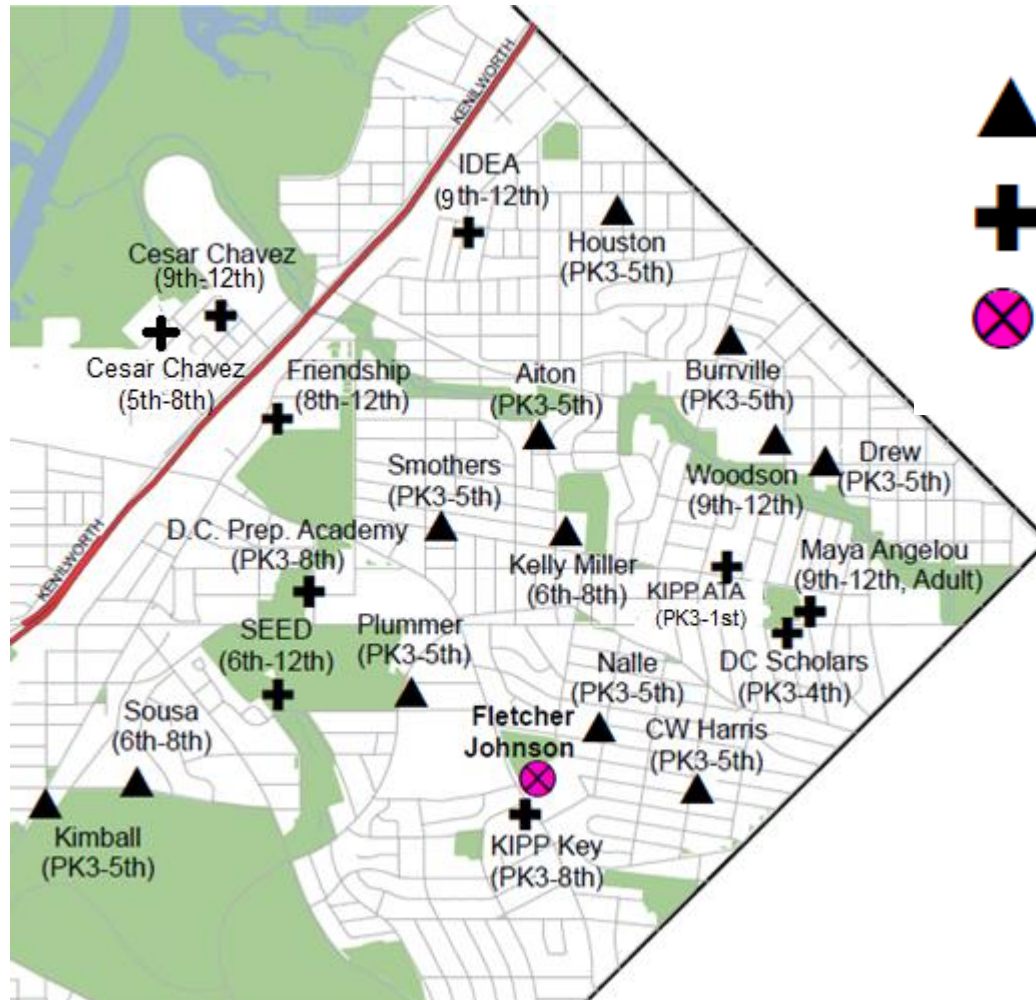
Additional Details About the Site

- Square 5344 Lot 0802
- Built in 1975
- 664,839 SF or 15.26 acres (including adjacent fields)
- 70' + elevation change across site above Benning Rd SE





Public Schools Near Fletcher Johnson



- ▲ DCPS Schools Located Within 1.5 Miles From Fletcher-Johnson
- ✚ Charter Schools Located Within 1.5 Miles From Fletcher-Johnson
- ⊗ Fletcher-Johnson Facility

2014 Request For Offers Fletcher Johnson School

2014 RFO Process

- 9/10/14 - Pre RFO Meeting
- 9/30/14 - RFO released (included focus on adult and/or alternative educational programs)
- 10/9/14 - Partnership Networking
- 10/9/14 - The Community Vision Casting
- 10/31/14 – RFO Closed
- 11/5/14 – Post RFO Meeting
- 12/11/14 – Post RFO Meeting/ Updates
- Determination made to not award the site

Analysis of the 2014 RFO

The previous RFO outlined potential uses of the facility based on data, community meetings and educational offerings in the vicinity:

- The DC Office of Planning has estimated population forecasts for the immediate cluster, and two surrounding clusters (33, 31 and 32) will hold flat for the number of 0-3 year olds through 2020, and modest growth for elementary, middle and high school students.
- Most of the DCPS elementary schools in the area have healthy facility utilization rates (above 80%).
- There is a need for adult programming in Ward 7. Currently there are no DCPS adult or alternative programs in Ward 7. One adult charter school operates in Ward 7 (Maya Angelou, serving students ages 17-24).

Previous Community Feedback Received

There is community interest in:

- Adult education, vocational, technical programs, GED and literacy training
- A community hub; cultural, dance, arts programming
- Commercial revitalization, meeting spaces, coffee shop, possible medical services
- Preservation of the Fletcher Johnson name and legacy

What's Next for Fletcher Johnson?

- DC law requires that educational programs be given the right to submit offers for excess school space before any non-educational uses for the space can be considered.
 - This requirement has already been satisfied for Fletcher Johnson.
- Feedback from this meeting will be used to inform a new solicitation for the facility and site.

Creating a Multi-Use Site

- The District seeks to create a multi –use site at Fletcher Johnson, that includes a public charter school.
- Through the solicitation process we will work to bring together charter school operators, developers, community organizations and residents.
- Through the solicitation process, we will evaluate proposals and select a viable project that best meets the needs of the community and goals outlined in the solicitation.

Discussion

- What community uses would you like to see a charter school offer in addition to its educational program?
- What other considerations should be taken into account as the District moves forward to develop a solicitation for this site?
- If you have additional thoughts or feedback, please fill out the survey at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/iQsMcvZyZ5jYa8tH2>

Next Steps

- Comments received tonight will be used to inform the development of the solicitation.
- There will be additional opportunities for members of the community and interested organizations to engage, prior to and following the release of a solicitation for the facility.
- The solicitation will be posted on the DME website.
- Community members will have the opportunity to hear from applicants, once a solicitation is released, prior to an award being made.

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