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**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

**JULY 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

- B. Information Only – Summary of Public Input Received on the Reuse of Sheridan Green Elementary School



**Agenda Memorandum**

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City Council Study Session  
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**Strategic Priority 1: Preparedness and Resilience**

Build a system of intentional support for residents, businesses and the environment that mitigates risks and proactively seeks out ways to ensure the community not only endures, but thrives.



**Strategic Priority 3: Shared Sense of Community**

Foster equitable opportunities that help residents feel at home and connected in their community and empowered to live their best lives.



**Strategic Priority 4: Quality of Life**

Ensure that Westminster offers a diverse range of amenities and activities for residents, businesses and visitors that honor the city's history and support the arts, parks, recreation, open spaces, and libraries.

**Subject:** Information Only – Summary of Public Input Received on the Reuse of Sheridan Green Elementary School

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**Recommended City Council Action:**

This report is for City Council information only and requires no action by City Council.

**Summary Statement:**

- Jeffco Public School District (District) closed 16 elementary schools at the end of the 2022-2023 calendar year. Of the 16 schools closing, three are located within Westminster. Sheridan Green Elementary School (Sheridan Green) was included in this list and closed its doors on May 31, 2023.
- There is a reverter clause in the deed for Sheridan Green that states that the property will revert to the City of Westminster if the District ceases to operate it as a school.
- The City and the District are currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding that will

include detail around timing of the transfer of ownership. The transfer is anticipated to occur on September 1, 2023.

- The City held its first public event on June 7, 2023, at Sheridan Green to solicit public input on the reuse of the property and building.
- This Information Only Memo includes a summary of feedback received from the public event along with feedback received through the City's Sheridan Green web page through June 26, 2023. In addition, Attachment A contains the verbatim feedback written on sticky notes by participants in the public event held on June 7, and Attachment B contains verbatim feedback from the City's Sheridan Green web page through June 26, 2023.
- This Information Only Memo and its Attachments will be posted on the City's Sheridan Green web page, emailed to participants in the June 7, 2023 public event, and announced on social media.
- Staff plans to hold a follow-up meeting to present these findings and continue the conversation in late August 2023.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$0 in expenditures.

**Source of Funds:**

Not applicable.

**Policy Issue(s):**

Not applicable.

**Alternative(s):**

Not applicable.

**Background Information:**

On November 10, 2022, the Board of the District voted to close 16 elementary schools at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Of the 16 schools closing, three are located within Westminster. Witt Elementary STEM School is not currently under consideration for disposition by the District. Zerger Elementary School has been determined as surplus property and the District held its first public meeting regarding the disposition process on May 31, 2023. Sheridan Green closed its doors on May 31, 2023. There is a reverter clause in the deed for Sheridan Green that states that the property will revert to the City of Westminster if the District ceases to operate it as a school.

The City and the District are currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding that will include detail around timing of the transfer of ownership along with responsibilities related to maintenance and security of the property during the transition period. The transition is anticipated to occur on September 1, 2023. The City deeded Sheridan Green to the District in 1979. The school building was completed in 1988 and includes 46,518 square feet of indoor space. The total acreage of the property is 6.693 acres. The City's Comprehensive Plan currently designates the property at Public/Quasi

Public which is intended for uses related to general community services such as public safety facilities, schools and institutions of higher learning, child-care facilities, places of worship, community centers, hospitals, municipal facilities, and cemeteries. The Preliminary Development Plan associated with the property indicates the site is for a school and park use.

The City held its first public event on June 7, 2023 at Sheridan Green to solicit public input on use of the property and building. Approximately 180 people attended this meeting and provided feedback on use. Staff collected this feedback in the form of sticky notes and collages, and typed this information into the attached spreadsheet, which is Attachment A. The City also created a Sheridan Green web page where residents can submit their feedback online. Attachment B includes comments directly taken from the website through June 26, 2023. Staff plans to continue to welcome comments via this website up to August 1, 2023 so that all feedback can be collected and summarized for the next public event.

Common themes from the comments submitted are listed below:

While no uses were supported unanimously, there appears to be strong support for community uses such as a community center, recreation center, learning center, library, children's recreation center, church, affordable preschool, daycare, after school care, hub for homeschooled children, summer camps, and senior center. Programming and classes of interest include maker spaces, culinary arts classes, writing classes, music classes, use of the building as a performance venue, art hub, enrichment classes, fitness and yoga classes, provision of community meeting spaces, gardening, and boys and girls club location.

Residents are interested in upgrading the outdoor space including fixing the tennis courts, constructing a picnic shelter, providing indoor and/or outdoor pickleball courts, a community pool, dog park, and a community garden. There was some support for additional single-family homes although there were also residents opposed to any residential use. There was also support for and opposition to providing affordable senior housing and attainable/workforce housing. In addition, there was some support for private uses such as the provision of a grocery store, food hall, or family-friendly brewery. There was overwhelmingly negative feedback to reusing the site as a homeless shelter, though a small minority supported this use.

The next public event will be scheduled for late August, 2023. Staff will provide detail and advertise this opportunity for additional feedback closer to the meeting date. The intention for this next meeting is to discuss the community input received and present options based on this input, cost, resources, timing, and probability of success.

The City's Strategic Plan priority of Preparedness and Resilience is met by providing support for residents and ensuring that they thrive in the community through a thoughtful reuse process. The City's Strategic Plan priority of Shared Sense of Community is met by connecting residents in the community and empowering them through a shared vision and community uses to influence the reuse of the Sheridan Green site. The City's Strategic Plan priority of Quality of Life is met by listening to residents to ensure that any future use is compatible with the neighborhood.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Manager

**Attachments:**

Attachment A - Community Feedback from June 7, 2023 Sheridan Green Community Meeting

Attachment B - Community Feedback from Sheridan Green Web Page through June 26, 2023

Comments from Sheridan Green Open House (June 7, 2023)	
1	A church that an offer may needed community services. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pre-school</li> <li>- counseling</li> <li>- vocational training</li> <li>- small groups</li> <li>- recovery (addiction)</li> <li>- music, concerts</li> <li>- community center</li> <li>- outreach</li> <li>- teen training and counseling</li> </ul> (* Star added as a reference that someone else is in agreement)
2	Use gym for concerts and local artists/musician performances
3	Upgrade park and playground for all ages
4	YES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Library</li> <li>- Rec. Center/Gym</li> <li>- Community Center</li> <li>- Church</li> </ul> NO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multi-unit homes</li> <li>- Stores</li> <li>- Shelters</li> </ul>
5	Nothing that will lower my home value
6	DO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Center with bookable meeting spaces for classes, clubs, performances, gatherings, events, etc.</li> <li>- Low cost childcare</li> </ul> DO NOT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grocery store</li> <li>- Commercial building</li> <li>- Anything that would detract from neighborhood's residential character.</li> </ul>
7	Fix and maintain tennis courts
8	Keep the pickleball courts in the gym
9	Learning Center
10	Church with solid leaders and stable citizens - can serve as a stabilizing community strengthening entity = year round!
11	YES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Church</li> <li>-homeschool meeting place</li> <li>- community meeting place</li> <li>- preschool</li> </ul> NO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- homeless shelter</li> <li>- pickleball courts</li> </ul>
12	Learning Center!
13	Ideas for SGE location - social, educational, recreational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Library (maybe with some of these other options as well)</li> <li>- Community garden with bee hives</li> <li>- Creator space - greenscreen, recording room, photo printing, art rooms, classes</li> <li>- Maker space</li> <li>- Fun community events - movie nights, food truck picnics, etc.</li> <li>- Youth and senior bonding</li> <li>- Cooking classes with ingredients from community garden</li> <li>- Workout space, pickleball</li> <li>- Outdoor pool, rec center</li> <li>- Maybe a community learning center - there's a forum you can post something you want to learn and then someone can offer to teach it. Provide a supervised location for safety. Examples: art, music, sports...</li> <li>- Teen hangout - multiple zones - maybe each pod has a different theme? Arcade games, art/craft area, create a maze or barriers for a bring your own nerf gun battle area, library for a quiet or study area, gym for pickleball and sports etc.</li> </ul>

14	No Commercial/industrial use!!
15	Maybe a restaurant could be the same (student would like a restaurant that serves the same food as the school cafeteria)
16	I would like to see something like a library or preschool. Maybe a community center. Something that stays quiet and keeps our community together. No apartments
17	I would like to see this building used as a community center! Rooms could be used for a maker space, art room, culinary classes/open space, "movie in the park" events in the winter, game rooms, library, summer programming, wood working space, fitness, sports areas, etc. Something for the entire community!
18	Pickleball!
19	IDEAS: As a 37 year resident of Sheridan Green, I want to see this repurposed as a kids recreational facility. Please leave the playground for children! Leave the park for recreational activities. I have heard that a children's library is an idea - very good, as well as other kids enrichment programs, educational programs, or kids preschool, or day care. It would also be great to incorporate adult activities. No residential No assisted living A police resource would be great
20	" SEE MAP DRAWN ON POST IT NOTE"
21	Vibrant Community Outreach Church includes: - senior activities - lending library - childcare - youth activities - summer fun - bible studies - book clubs - homeschool meeting place - counsel
22	Conduct a survey of new families in the neighborhood that would enroll (in the school)
23	Splash pad or community water park like Broomfield No apartments
24	Craft classes, painting, sewing, wood working, weaving, etc.
25	Would love a church here
26	Would love a preschool or daycare. Something for kids in the community.
27	No Apartments No Housing Keep park Rec Center for kids or seniors Pickleball courts
28	Library
29	No Rec Center No Library
30	Veterans outreach center with services and programs
31	Writing Class Genealogy Biographies Short Stories
32	Day Care Center
33	A shelter for the unhomed/homeless. This would save the City thousands of our tax dollars. Everything is already in place. Cafeteria, media center, medical center, restrooms, gymnasium/workout area, security, rooms can be divided or used as a bunk style rooms
34	An animal shelter would be nice
35	An animal shelter! Foothills animal shelter is so far from here. Need on North end of Jeffco.
36	Please no churches or schools. The playground was a lot of time and money from SGE families

37	No Church or homeless center
38	A place for the whole community. Please don't cater to one group. Maker space, gardening's, library, youth center
39	Library would be great!
40	<p>Wants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- school</li> <li>- Flatirons Academy</li> <li>- Christian private school</li> <li>- Jefferson Academy</li> <li>- Community Center</li> <li>- Extension of City Park</li> <li>- YMCA</li> <li>- Handicap accessible facility</li> <li>- Day care/preschool</li> <li>- Summer Camps</li> </ul> <p>Do Not Want</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing of any kind</li> <li>- No private developers</li> </ul> <p>MUST</p> <p>Westminster NEEDS to stay in control of this facility.</p>
41	The Library
42	I would like the school to be: half library, half youth center :)
43	half library, half youth center
44	<p>Non profit preschool at least 2 classrooms (1/2 day &amp; full day) to replace the FULL Preschool classrooms that closed. Ryan Elementary has NO space to expand and only has 1 preschool classroom.</p> <p>No Charter school.</p> <p>No private school.</p> <p>Put in a Jeffco Library branch or Any Think library.</p> <p>Use the Art Room as a TAB (Teaching Art Behavior - Process Art) Studio similar to ArtSPARK in Littleton (but nonprofit) and offer classes and open studio times.</p> <p>Keep it a very usable space for children and families.</p>
45	half library, half youth center
46	<p>No police, fire, public works, etc.</p> <p>Public/community use.</p>
47	<p>With new families coming to the neighborhood with small children this was a plus to have a neighborhood school.</p> <p>What a shame small teacher to student ratio. Jeffco was wrong to shut down!!!</p> <p>(* a second person made a note that they agree with this comment)</p>
48	Church, homeschool classes, enrichment classes
49	yes to a church
50	<p>Similar to Avalon in Boulder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dance lesson studio</li> </ul> <p>Also offer yoga, Pilates, etc.</p>
51	<p>Use Sheridan Green building for a charter trade school modeled after Power Technical in Colorado Springs</p> <p>6th - 12th grades</p> <p>Teaches core subjects (math, English, science) along with the trades (welding, shop, horticulture, etc.)</p> <p>A James Irwin charter school - Le Erica Warren (Principal) (Public Charter)</p>
52	<p>Jeffco has not a single school in Westminster that can support children with Autism. When Sheridan Green closed, I was told we would have to pick a school in Arvada. My son now goes to Bal Swan in Broomfield County/City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make it a year-round school that charges for summer</li> </ul>
53	<p>Don't Want</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apartments</li> <li>- 1/2 way house</li> <li>- homeless shelter</li> </ul>
54	<p>Acquiring this property to reinvest in the community</p> <p>via</p> <p>Keeping the sports and rec</p> <p>repurposing the school as a community XXXX(?) center to hold classes and activities to better the community. Such as trade school, taxes, life prep, community service, citizenship in the community XXXX(?). Bring added value through education not through housing.</p>



55	Ideas -we already have a baseball field, soccer field, tennis courts, gym-open a sports center for all ages. -Pickleball courts are in the gym already. -Add a community garden
56	Pre-K Youth/After school center AA Classes Community garden Keep park/playground Please no apartments, shelter or vacant building.
57	No Charter or private school! Yes to ... Free community center with a maker space, library, teen and senior services Keep the playground free for neighborhood kids to keep using. The school is big enough to incorporate so many services across all ages.
58	Summer Camp!
59	No to a rec center - too many
60	- Please maximize space utilization. Example a church only is used for a small percentage of the week; a school is used daily. - Please not multi-family housing - Please provide a clear plan and case study evidence if a halfway or rehab facility is being considered NO to private equity, keep it open to the public w/o access restrictions - Please consider making final decision a ballot XXX that the community can vote on
61	Church, Community Center, Senior Center, Youth hangout, keep the equipment and green space
62	A community church and a place to take your kids
63	Please sell to a church who will support the home school community! Recitals, presentations & co-op space for homeschoolers!
64	LOTS of NEW babies in Sheridan Green. Please collect data about reopening in a few years.
65	Recycling/compost with community garden (or maybe trade for an industrial location with a company that could use this fantastic space and maintain the family friendly)
66	Pre-K Student Center Pool
67	No homeless shelter
68	No homeless shelter
69	Church and community center (w/day care and teen activities)
70	Sell it and save the taxpayer money
71	A Community Church With a place for a preschool VBS summer activities Homeschooled children's gathering place Vibrant Community outreach Senior Activities Teenage Activities Youth Groups
72	No homeless shelter
73	Arts Facility similar to Denver's Rhino District
74	- Community Center - Community Center w/fitness equipment, event Center - Child care facility - church is fine - Library - Boys and girls club
75	Why does everyone hate the homeless? That could be you tomorrow!
76	Would love to see - Community center - Child care center/seniors - Pickleball court in place of old tennis courts - Keep playground!
77	Community pool

78	Community pool Maker space Trail system Pickleball courts
79	- Maker Space - Library - Pickleball courts outside
80	Well I would love to see the community help itself! YES to homeless shelter!
81	No Homeless Shelter!
82	Small rec area - Senior work out center Library Affordable daycare Dog park
83	No Homeless Shelter
84	Community garden Rec Center Community Center to host classes
85	Level it, spend money at other current locations that have Prime Locations
86	Local artists studios day rent month rent options
87	Indoor & Outdoor pickle ball courts
88	Community garden
89	No Charter School
90	I would like to see a church
91	No Church or homeless center
92	Community Garden
93	Vocational Classes/Trade Classes
94	Library/Maker Space
95	Community Center/Maker Space
96	Rec Center
97	Anythink Library
98	Pre-School
99	Community Pool & Park - Gazebo w/picnic tables similar to Broomfield Center Commons Park
100	We need a Hot Tub and Community Garden
101	Community Center - Art space - here already - Recreation - here already - Youth hangout/programming - Library Definite No to... - more parking - non-community use - losing playground/courts/park - charter school
102	Do a survey of future enrollment for ids ages 0-5 now!!! This is critical information for potential REOPENING as a elementary school
103	Center for youth and adult enrichment classes - arts - cooking - crafts - music
104	Hot tub, hydro chairs x3
105	Could section off part to be a food bank
106	Add to community Bldg: Library Education Community Center Day Care Youth Center

107	NO Multifamily or shared (?) family healthcare
108	Lower cost daycare center Day and evening shifts
109	No business
110	City Rec Center Park School - sell it to a private school (Jefferson Academy etc.)
111	Community Hub Senior Center Pool - Community use gym for lower cost sports for kids
112	Rec Center Child Care Center
113	Yes Church
114	Rent spaces to local artists
115	Don't Want Apartments Low income housing Business
116	Senior, youth or arts center
117	Community Center and/or Library
118	Just not left empty
119	No Apartment No Housing No Business
120	Summer Day camps
121	Maker Space
122	Don't Charter School
123	Parks City Rec Center School - Private
124	Yes to single family homes
125	No homeless shelter
126	Ideas for School - move library from College Hill FRCC - MAC/Sr Center North - Museum - Larger park playground with pickleball/tennis courts - church - fine arts school - art, music, pottery - training/conference facility - additional offices for city/county/schools - private school or charter school - day care - after school, summer care - auditorium - plays - soundstage for movie, video -- PR - no more housing!! - medical center for seniors -- all on level, wheelchair friendly
127	No Multi-family units
128	Maker Space
129	Anything that keeps the park and building a community space. Rec Center, Arts, Senior Center, Pre-school, etc. No Housing
130	Community Center
131	Trader Joes
132	I think the majority would want to at least keep playground equipment and park intact and not demo that space. Something like a community center where small businesses could also rent classroom spaces to use as offices? Or holistic center where individual therapist (massage, mental health, counselling, etc.) could see patients
133	Community Food and Youth Resource Center
134	Ice cream shop
135	Summer Day Camp for kids Senior Center

136	Pool (*asterisk with second vote)
137	Trader Joes :)
138	TRADER JOES!
139	Trader Joes
140	Something Community Oriented No Charter School
141	Do NOT Open as another school - public charter or private This goes against the reason for the closing. It would be a slap in the face to every student who was displaced by the closing of the school!
142	NO to anything that increases traffic
143	No Charter School
144	Keep the Playground, Grounds accessible to community Church, Senior Center (Silver Sneakers)
145	Keep the Park No Apt Housing!
146	Make it a Seniors Center or Youth Center
147	No Apartments!
148	Open Space...School for the disabled
149	Use the school as a "mini-rec ctr" It could include pre-k, classes for kids (art/music, etc.) classes/activities for seniors (*someone else marked "Ditto:....")
150	Swimming Pool/rec center/senior center
151	Field Day
152	No Homeless Shelter!
153	Day Care to Help with parents w/ small children...
154	No Homeless Shelter
155	We watch the school being built - Donated handbells to the music program
156	Daycare and pre-school for City of Westminster
157	Keep the Park
158	No Apartments, shelters, charter school
159	Would like to see ART HUB!! Visual arts/artists work spaces musicians plays dance blown glass painting jewelry with art classes for community!
160	Do Not Want: Rehab Center 1/2 way house homeless shelter
161	Teaching about farming, ranching, trades for kids/adults. To do a community farm? Garden for all? NO Apartments!
162	DO NOT WANT: Tear down and apts! -Single family low income homes for professionals that can't afford homes such as medical workers, dental folks that work full time but earn <\$70,000 per year!
163	Not a: Maintenance area for city Not a Charter School
164	Animal shelter that hires and houses homeless people
165	Childrens theater; small library annex; splash pad; food pantry; bookable spaces for office, art, classes, clubs; garden/composting; affordable trade/night school; daycare
166	Working here 39 years!
167	My kids loved this school - my daughter came back as a student teacher
168	All the fantastic teacher that helped my kids be successful

169	Comm garden w/greenhouses and classes on how to grow things Other classes for adults & kids Free Counseling Maker space Tear down and build state of the art modern school
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## Q1 Please provide input regarding the future of Sheridan Green Elementary School. We welcome your feedback!

Answered: 88 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lease the space for community groups, non-profit organizations, start-up businesses, testing center, Adult Education centers.	6/26/2023 7:39 PM
2	We would like to see the building used/re-purposed with something that benefits the existing community, such as a senior center or community pool. We absolutely do not want the building to be tore down for the building of multi-family housing or additional single family housing. We also do not want to see a charter school move in...they are part of the reason why our beloved, neighborhood schools was forced to close. We also want to see the adjcent park and open space remains unchanged.	6/26/2023 5:06 PM
3	.	6/24/2023 9:10 AM
4	Community center/library	6/22/2023 8:52 PM
5	We have lived in the neighborhood for the last 16 years. Our children both went to Sheridan Green. The neighborhood is still very family oriented with kids and parents still utilizing the park and area for play, recreation and community growth. We would love to see this property be utilized to continue to nurture the residents of this area. A library/ community center focused more on pickleball ( similar to apex and the 72nd and simms Rec facility would be really incredible. Keeping the basketball courts and playground but utilizing the grassy area in the back for a large pickleball facility would be incredible and lucrative. As broomfield does not have a complex like that either.	6/22/2023 7:47 PM
6	The outskirts of the Sheridan Green Property provide a beautiful park and place for the families of the surrounding areas. We would love to see the park expanded for more families to enjoy the space. Adding barbecues and awnings for shade and sitting space and making the playground bigger for the children that still reside in the community.	6/19/2023 9:37 AM
7	Use for sports center for Westminster children. Or a low income temporary shelter for families.	6/17/2023 5:56 PM
8	Let's please not put another church here. Really anything else would be great. Just not another church. It could be a multi-business establishment like Stanley Marketplace or a family-friendly brewery like Ivywood (Colo Springs).	6/17/2023 1:52 PM
9	What about making it a Library for Westminster residents?	6/15/2023 10:54 PM
10	I would really like to see the building redeveloped into a A Senior Center for the community to use.	6/14/2023 9:21 PM
11	Library	6/14/2023 4:39 PM
12	It would be a welcome site for a Senior Center	6/14/2023 7:01 AM
13	We use the playground every day, this should remain a community resource for families!	6/13/2023 8:36 AM
14	Something that aligns with the original mission of the school and retains the play ground. A library with a preschool would be fantastic!	6/12/2023 5:47 AM
15	Some kind of fun commercial center or mixed use. Coffee shop+skate park+brewery+community space or some other mix of things to create a gathering place of many facets of the community	6/11/2023 11:12 AM
16	It would be great to have a maker space, especially one with a tool library!	6/11/2023 9:49 AM
17	A community center of some kind would be something that serves the entire community. Our kids have always used the playground. An event center that can be rented could be part of the center. Adding a community swimming pool could be a great addition. Please make this something that adds to this neighborhood something special.	6/11/2023 12:03 AM

## Sheridan Green Elementary School Feedback

18	I am a former Lil'Gator, I have so many memories at SGE. My passion for math started with Ms. Lauce in 3rd grade. I raised and lowered the flags as well as volunteered at every Community Celebration. SGE is where my love for community service began. I held the record for most laps at the Gator Fun Run and was a member of the Monkey Club for reaching the top of the rope every year I attended. This building needs to continue to serve our young people and families. While the playground was not installed until I was long gone, this was an important part of our neighborhood. We would go over in high school for a quick round of groundies. I walked through the halls at the closing party, I saw the potential to continue to be a place for making memories and learning. I recently graduated from college and I am back in the neighborhood. I would love to see a library, maker space and maybe even community theater. Having been a high school athlete as well as a band member. The space could also be used for winter percussion and indoor workouts. Please keep SGE part of our community.	6/10/2023 9:38 PM
19	Make it a library or something the public would benefit from. Please do not tear down and build any housing. The neighborhood is already crowded as it is.	6/10/2023 8:27 PM
20	I would like to see this building repurposed into a recreational center or a library.	6/10/2023 8:13 PM
21	Not a church	6/10/2023 11:20 AM
22	Community center and outdoor pool, keep the playground.	6/10/2023 8:06 AM
23	North senior center	6/9/2023 6:33 PM
24	Please do not tear it down and put up Apartment's, Maybe it can be used has offices for different things. Craft classes for Adults or teens. Don't know if Westminster has a office for low income people to go to to find a job or place to leave. Broomfield Fish has a great program. Education classes for Adults or teens.	6/9/2023 9:46 AM
25	Library	6/8/2023 8:29 PM
26	Maybe a Sheridan green park, run by the city. Permits given by the city, etc. playground can stay... a great place for the neighborhood children to play, families to picnic, etc. add some pickle ball courts. No HOA type thing. Strictly run by the city of Westminster. PLEASE...no apartments	6/8/2023 4:47 PM
27	A lot of schools have been converted into really neat community food halls with various vendors set up in the classrooms. And keeping the playground and community park would certainly help draw both visitors and vendors to the businesses.	6/8/2023 11:39 AM
28	Repurposing an elementary school into assisted living and senior care would be a great opportunity.	6/7/2023 10:36 PM
29	I think it would be a great area to have some preschool classes arrive the building already has the infrastructure for it	6/7/2023 9:28 PM
30	Being a homeowner, former SGE PTA and mom, this was the heart of our community. Our kids grew into learners and we gave time and money to this school. It isn't just a school. My kids rode their bikes there, had first crushes, won science fairs and field day ribbons. They experienced their first day of kindergarten to 6th grade continuation. My Girl Scouts and Student Council provided the flags outside the school and in the classrooms. My kids arrived early and stayed late to raise and lower the flag. This school was part of our family long past the time they were attending. They came back and volunteered for Community Celebrations and Camp Swampy. I would love to see something that made SGE a destination, a place all people want to go. I saw a lot of recommendations that catered to one group or would cut off the playground to the very community that made it happen. No senior centers, churches, residential or commercial buildings are necessary. Moving the library (easy to give College Hill to FRCC) and putting in a maker space, classes and renting out space to organizations. Pickle ball is already in the gym. The tennis courts need attention. Keep the playground and expand to all ages. Baseball and soccer fields are already there. This could be a really amazing space that honors the Lil' Gators and their school.	6/7/2023 6:36 PM
31	Maybe refurbish to become the new municipal court (since the current one needs to be replaced) and put the much needed recycling/compost center where the municipal court currently is.	6/7/2023 6:25 PM
32	I would like to see a small rec center. Open gym maybe add a pickle ball court on one side. Have community classes or even just groups that meet like crafting, knitting and crochet,	6/7/2023 5:44 PM

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quilting. If there is not money in the budget to staff it maybe try co-op. Not sure how that would work when other facilities have paid staff.

33	The school should be used for benefit of the community. Tenants like churches, charter schools, libraries, recreation centers, etc. are good examples. Under no circumstances should the school be turned into a homeless shelter as rumored. All you have to do is look at the video from other cities and towns with large homeless encampments to see what damage that will do to the established neighborhoods around Sheridan Green. The city doesn't have the money to provide the necessary protection and security as it currently stands. Does it really have the money to provide what's needed for a shelter in the middle of a neighborhood? Do not put a homeless camp in the neighborhood!	6/7/2023 4:54 PM
34	I think it should be used as a senior center or community center. Because Stratford Park is right in front of the school, it should remain something that serves this community. Maybe even turn it into a science and technology rec center. Westminster would have the first one in the State. Someplace kids and adults can go for science and technology clubs.	6/7/2023 4:52 PM
35	Something for children. There is a great playground and other cities have great children's museums/farms and other activities for children that this space would be great for.	6/7/2023 3:56 PM
36	Food hall/ retail	6/7/2023 3:54 PM
37	I would love for it to continue being a place of education for our community.	6/7/2023 12:55 PM
38	A library is a great idea! Patrons could make use of the playground and moving some library features from College hill would free up space. A homeless shelter is not a great idea, as the location is not central to any other services. A community center is another good idea. The aging population needs something like this in our area. The MAC is too far for those who live in north Westminster.	6/7/2023 12:51 PM
39	How would you like the elementary in your neighborhood closed. Value of home goes down immediately.	6/7/2023 10:22 AM
40	Please strongly consider using this space for attainable/affordable housing (and keep green space as well). I'm a former Sheridan Green student, and cannot afford to live in most of Jeffco (even with a good job). My former classmates who are teachers are even less able to live here.	6/7/2023 9:38 AM
41	I would like to see the build become something the neighborhood and surrounding can utilize. Maybe a combination of offices a library anex work out facility and meeting space. Having a community garden outside might also be a good way to connect the neighborhood. I have lived there for 18 years and most of us don't know our neighbors well. Having a place to gather would be important. In the end something that keeps the building occupied is the most important	6/7/2023 9:00 AM
42	Community Center: Convert the old school building into a multi-purpose community center where people can gather for various activities, events, and classes. Art Gallery: Transform the classrooms into art galleries to showcase local artwork and host art exhibitions. Co-working Space: Create a co-working space with shared offices, meeting rooms, and amenities for freelancers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. Museum: Turn the old school into a museum that highlights the history and heritage of the local area. Indoor Sports Facility: Renovate the building to accommodate indoor sports activities such as basketball, volleyball, or tennis courts. Library: Repurpose the classrooms as reading rooms and stack them with books to create a public library. Technology Hub: Establish a technology hub that offers training, workshops, and access to state-of-the-art equipment for digital skills development. Community Theater: Convert the school into a community theater with a stage, seating area, and facilities for performing arts events. Innovation Center: Create an innovation center where entrepreneurs, inventors, and startups can collaborate, develop ideas, and receive mentorship. Food Hall: Convert the classrooms into food stalls and create a vibrant food hall where local vendors can offer a variety of cuisines. Indoor Farmers Market: Transform the building into an indoor market where local farmers can sell their produce year-round. Wellness Center: Repurpose the school into a wellness center that offers fitness classes, spa services, and holistic health programs. Maker Space: Convert the classrooms into workshops equipped with tools and machinery for individuals to engage in DIY projects and creative endeavors. Social Services Hub: Create a central location for social service organizations to provide support, counseling, and assistance to the community. Greenhouse or Botanical Garden: Transform the school into a greenhouse or botanical garden where people can learn about plants, gardening,	6/6/2023 7:17 PM



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and sustainability. Music School: Convert the classrooms into music studios and practice rooms for music lessons and rehearsals. Community Farm: Repurpose the school building into a community farm where residents can learn about sustainable agriculture and grow their own produce. Science and Technology Museum: Transform the old school into a museum dedicated to showcasing scientific and technological advancements. Indoor Playground: Convert the building into an indoor playground with slides, climbing structures, and play areas for children. Yoga and Meditation Center: Transform the school into a serene space for yoga and meditation classes, wellness retreats, and mindfulness programs. Start-Up Incubator: Create a start-up incubator that provides resources, mentorship, and workspace for aspiring entrepreneurs to launch their ventures.

43	I think Sheridan Green elementary would make a great new city library.	6/6/2023 4:14 PM
44	It would be really neat to have a neighborhood recreation center.	6/6/2023 4:04 PM
45	Sad to see it close	6/6/2023 3:54 PM
46	I think Sheridan Green Elementary School would make an excellent Jeffco library branch. The closest Jeffco branch is Standley Lake Library, which is far for this part of Jeffco. It would be great if the building could also have at least 2 non-profit preschool classrooms for 2-4 year olds, as the school had 2 preschool classrooms, and no additional classrooms were added to Ryan Elementary. There is a great need that will likely only grow in the coming years for UPK spots in this area. Finally, I would love to see the art room turned into an open-ended process art TAB (Teaching for Artistic Behavior) oriented art studio, similar to artSPARK in Littleton (but non-profit). <a href="http://artsparkcreative.com/">http://artsparkcreative.com/</a> I know all of these endeavors would benefit my family as well as many of the families in the surrounding area. It would also promote the continuity of community that the school has fostered for so many years.	6/5/2023 2:29 PM
47	As a Sheridan Green resident, I would love to see the Sheridan Green site developed into a satellite extension of the City Park facility with room for art and other classes, and a fitness area to utilize the gym and stage. It would be lovely to display resident (including children/students) art in the hallways. The display cases could be used to display other projects, books, and information related to the City, health, upcoming classes, etc.	6/5/2023 7:27 AM
48	I think the facility to be sold. This would be a good location for a church. Thank you for asking.	6/4/2023 5:49 PM
49	I would love to see this school become a community church for Sheridan Green neighborhood. Rocky Mountain Presbyterian Church is growing and we need a new facility to accommodate our growing congregation. Our church could offer caring community outreach to this neighborhood .	6/4/2023 2:49 PM
50	Please sell this property! Our church, Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, has grown over the past 3 years and this would be the perfect building and location for us. Churches are a great way to strengthen local community, and take care of the least among us: including the elderly, disabled and less fortunate. People involved in church are statistically happier. Westminster needs more churches.	6/4/2023 1:27 PM
51	It should become a Christian charter school k-8.	6/2/2023 10:11 AM
52	While it "feels good" to have an ice cream social to garner neighborhood comments/suggestions for repurposing Sheridan Green Elementary, the City needs a carefully planned whole-City community process that includes, of course, the immediate school-surrounding community. To this end, an Advisory Committee should be formed, with a defined beginning and end date for its recommendations. Such a Committee must be authentic and transparent. And all considerations of repurposing might need to include what, if any, effects there could be to the adjoining Stratford Park. Several phases in the process can occur: Immediate Reuse; Public Offering of the vacant property; or Revitalization Development with business partners. And because occupancy can help preserve the building and reduce maintenance costs, some temporary leases should be extended to non-governmental organizations until a final repurposing plan can be adopted. Though financial consideration should not be a driver, economic reality dictates that some hard choices may need to be made, including possible demolition of buildings that cannot be efficiently repurposed in an economically viable way. That said, some considerations the local community might accept as non-intrusive: 8th- to 12th-grade School for the Arts; 9th- to 12-grade Modern Technical Trades school; low-income senior housing; as proposed for shuttered Aurora elem. schools: "entrepreneurship boot camps for adults, a young entrepreneurs academy for middle and high school students, startup incubation, radio station studios, video studios.	6/2/2023 8:35 AM

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53	As an SGE family, it is very important to us that this building and playground go to good use for our community. We would like to see it become an interactive family/children's science museum, STEAM activity center, library, cultural center, family community center with arts, dance, cooking, and other classes, a senior center, or something else that serves the community in an inclusive and educational manner. The playground is great and should remain maintained for kids to use. Please do not let it become a charter school or go vacant. Thank you!	6/1/2023 9:49 PM
54	Open space, recreation center, play space and expand the park for the children	6/1/2023 9:12 PM
55	Community center	6/1/2023 5:51 PM
56	This school would make a great senior citizens independent living center while using the classrooms a a small apt. for citizens who can live alone. It is in a quiet area with lots of space to walk outside and explore or watch wild life. Small garden plots could be utilized by the citizens who live there.	6/1/2023 4:27 PM
57	I am a homeowner in the Sheridan Green neighborhood, I have children who attended the school (and would still attend if it stayed open), and I was an employee at Sheridan Green Elementary. I would love to see the building turned into a community center, senior center, anythink library. I definitely would be adamantly opposed to any sort of religious purpose (including a church sponsored school or preschool), homeless /addiction facility, or demolition and sale to developer.	6/1/2023 3:27 PM
58	Sheridan Green contained 2 preschool classrooms which closed. Ryan Elementary contains 1 preschool classroom which now has a VERY long wait list for students. I believe that the Sheridan Green building should be used to house 4-6 preschool classrooms. The building already has classrooms designed for small children. It already has a preschool playground and preschool bathroom. It would just need retrofitting of a few classrooms to meet this need in our community.(tile flooring) Right now hundreds of students are being turned away from preschool because we do not have the space. These parents are going to other school districts and staying there. This would keep students in Jefferson County schools and we would not lose them to other neighboring school districts (Adams 12 and Boulder) which would help sustain our current neighborhood schools.	6/1/2023 3:02 PM
59	Provide a centralized youth center for the community's school age kids - you could host after school programs and/or out-of-school time/camps/club at the location, sports programs etc. And have it house the city's preschool program instead or in addition to hosting at the rec centers. Alternatively (or additionally), it could become a "senior center" for the northern parts of town in addition to the MAC which covers the south-side of town (like a MAC-north and MAC-south).	6/1/2023 9:59 AM
60	Community resource center	5/31/2023 9:00 PM
61	Senior housing combined with a daycare. It's proven this mix of generations is of great benefit to both. Not to mention the senior housing use would occupy the building at all times and would have less impact on traffic, given how seniors drive less.	5/30/2023 6:03 PM
62	A multigenerational daycare center (seniors/kids) makes the most sense utilizing the existing infrastructure in the building, as well as the available features of the exterior surroundings. The Senior Resource Center is located in Wheat Ridge which is quite far for many families with seniors who could benefit from similar services further north. And, as we all know too well, truly affordable child care is nearly non-existent which creates a roadblock for many families who need a second household earner or support for an adult learner. Please consider some sort of city-subsidized care facility for the seniors, kids and families who could use these life-enhancing services.	5/30/2023 2:10 PM
63	An open space or park would be nice. Even if the building is repurposed, please keep the existing green space and park area at least. And if the building is repurposed, it should a use that draws about the same level of traffic (or less) to the neighborhood. One option could be selling the building to a private school.	5/28/2023 9:51 PM
64	I would like to see Sheridan Green Elementary, re-purposed to serve the needs of the community it is in. Some specific ways that could be done would be to improve the playground and refurbish the tennis courts and add pickle ball courts. The inside of the school could be remodeled to house a small library, classrooms, recreational room, fitness center, and community meeting hall. The former school could be used to benefit many different age groups,	5/27/2023 9:50 PM

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and organizations. Partial staffing could even be done by volunteers. It should not be used for any type of residential housing or business purpose.

65	It would be nice to see it turned into a small public library, a recreational center for seniors to take some art classes or do silver sneakers, or other age groups for a meeting hall. You could turn the tennis courts to usable courts and have a pickle ball court. Improve the playground for the community kids to play on keeping the grassy area and baseball field. It should not be used for any type of housing or commercial buildings.	5/27/2023 9:50 PM
66	This building should be used for a secondary charter or trade/tech school.	5/27/2023 2:05 PM
67	Westminster Children's Recreation Center- could have a kids library and also utilize the gym, art, music room, classrooms, and playgrounds. It could be part of the Westminster recreation and fitness centers with a focus on children since the current centers primarily focus on adults and healthy habits should be established as kids. People could utilize it with a daily admission, punch pass, facility pass or all facilities pass. It could have children's fitness classes, arts and crafts, literacy and language programs, theater and other youth focus programs and events. It could also include a daycare. What song the building in this way would continue to benefit the children in the community.	5/25/2023 6:16 PM
68	I don't think I have any ideas at this point but want to make sure it doesn't become a liability to the city and not an asset. We don't need another rec center. Senior housing? Parking would definitely be an issue unless the site is razed.	5/25/2023 7:12 AM
69	I'd like to see the park area converted to not current outdoor activities, including Pickleball and mutuality courts. I'd Like to see the gym used for multi-sports and the building used as a preschool and community center	5/24/2023 6:44 PM
70	ABSOLUTING NOT APARTMENTS or CONDOS! NOT A BUSINESS! Keep the neighborhood nice! Lots of ideas - Keep the park and expand on it, make it like wash park (open and inviting), basketball courts, pickleball courts, tennis courts, outdoor swimming pool, bike park like McKay's, etc. Could build home as long as they are nice homes that fit the feel and style of the neighborhood (single family, etc).	5/24/2023 11:46 AM
71	Community center, library, or something similar	5/23/2023 11:02 PM
72	Please do not provide a school building to turn it in to an illegal aid shelter.	5/23/2023 8:09 PM
73	Childcare. There isn't enough around.	5/23/2023 8:06 PM
74	Community center! Host classes, daycare, after school activities. It needs to stay occupied and not just sit empty.	5/23/2023 7:59 PM
75	Ideas: childcare facility, youth club facility, pop-up arts / culture (e.g. gallery, improv, comedy)	5/23/2023 9:25 AM
76	Rec center & library.	5/22/2023 10:10 PM
77	*daycare/child care center *crafting area and individual stores *community center - rooms to rent *charter school *adult daycare *tear down for gardening and playground area *place to cook food for other schools?	5/21/2023 12:54 PM
78	It should be converted into a kid's library and program space- it would allow for the preservation of the playgrounds and some of the rooms in the building (e.g. art room, gym). The building would still be for the benefit of kids in the community	5/21/2023 5:57 AM
79	Creating an outdoor pool would be an awesome addition to the area, we do not have an outdoor pool. Also, with the space in the school this would make a great place to have arts classes, community youth center, an area for local Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts to meet. This school has been a big part of the community and still having it as a place where kids can gather and play is huge.	5/20/2023 5:46 AM
80	Community pool	5/19/2023 11:22 PM
81	Please use this property for something for the community. It is right in the middle of a neighborhood so easily accessible and walkable for many people. There is a gym (with pickleball courts), a cafeteria, and a library in the building as well as the playground and park next to the building. It is perfect for some kind of community center.	5/19/2023 10:14 PM
82	I think a gathering place for everyone would be great. A library or a workout/ learning center with art classes would be awesome.	5/19/2023 9:59 PM

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83	It would be wonderful to have some kind of community gathering spot. Is the playground part of the transfer?	5/19/2023 6:19 PM
84	I'm wondering if the school could be repurposed into another indoor soccer/sports facility? It seems like the Westy Soccer center is always busy, and it could be used to host indoor soccer tourneys, birthday parties, etc.	5/19/2023 12:17 PM
85	As a community member with small children who would have continued to attend Sheridan Green for the next 6 years, we'd love to keep something geared toward kids in the neighborhood. There is already pre-school aged playground equipment for a childcare facility or a pre-school, or we would love to see a library. We love having the playground and quietness the school type facility has.	5/19/2023 6:17 AM
86	I live right across the street from Sheridan Green Elementary. My family and I are worried that an empty building will attract unwelcome activities. Our hope is that a community center of some sort can be put in its place. This is something we can utilize greatly.	5/18/2023 8:27 PM
87	Unfortunately, we will be gone the evening of June 7 and won't be able to make the Community Meeting. Two of our kids currently attend SGE and we live less than a 5-minute walk to the building. With the spacious Stratford Park connected to (or adjacent to) the property, I would love to see the building repurposed for the whole community use and utilize the park as well. I hope the City will maintain/update the playground for kids and the community. Two options could be: A small Rec center focusing on educational opportunities (we have a family pass to the Westminster Rec Centers), where events could be hosted in Stratford Park. Another option could be a branch of the Westminster Library system. Again, the larger property could be used for summer program and family events connected with the library and movies in the park.	5/18/2023 5:30 PM
88	community music programs: Community choir, community band and orchestra	5/16/2023 3:44 PM