

State College Memorial Field - Community Charette / Survey Results

subject	green (positive)	red (negative)	blue (opportunity)	notes
Assets				
already own the land use of the owned buildings the alley at the stands the sunken bowl ** the central office admin building ** compared to other facilities ** great venue ** product vs venue purchase nearby properties				limited use of Fairmont & Admin buildings, re-purpose or use the land access to stands access to lockers, seating, relation to community Central Office should be demolished and replaced with a building containing locker rooms, team rooms, restrooms and office functions. Memorial Stadium compares very favorably with other high school stadiums. Memorial Field is a great venue. The Memorial Field facilities do not match the quality of the football/sports programs played there. purchase vacant office building @ corner of fraser and nittany
Access/Circulation				
access to seating no connection b/w east & west side access controls, ticketed zone ADA accessibility ** ADA accessibility field access / ramp ** field access / ramp way finding the stairs are dangerous circulation logistics visiting team player access				no connection between east and west stands entrances not utilized well, create a safe environment, create a campus/precinct ADA access upgrades are required. maintenance and emergency vehicles Field access ramp becomes slippery and dangerous in inclement weather. access to the garage (visitors) waterfall, for athletes and spectators for the band, for the students
Atmosphere/History				
the stone walls ** the stone walls uniqueness of the field a historic structure in State College ** commitment to Memorial Field ** historically significant ** atmosphere ** atmosphere the wrought iron fences historical plaque(s) intimately close to the action the architecture and character the ramp entrance for the band				walls falling down, balls get stuck Venue should reuse the stone from the WPA construction and maintain its historical integrity. home field advantage, sense of place, the bowl The Board's commitment to Memorial Field makes sense. Memorial Field is a historically significant and green resource for downtown. Memorial Field has a great atmosphere. Memorial Field has the best atmosphere in the State on a Friday night. open views fence/walls for historic plaques players get hurt make the stadium "inviting" 60 years of tradition

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Function				
concessions locker rooms ** locker rooms ** locker rooms restrooms in the stadium facility ** restrooms in the stadium facility ** restrooms in the stadium facility restrooms in adjacent facilities		  	  	smoke, one line, need permanent facilities, other events direct access to the field from under the stands Locker rooms for home and away much be added. Lack of restroom and locker facilities for visiting teams and fans must be addressed. Restrooms must be added and upgraded. Restroom upgrades are required. the admin building, the church
Location				
near the old high school ** central location view of the church	  			Central Location and great atmosphere.
Maintenance				
** maintenance costs ** maintain existing facility				Consider maintenance costs while designing so that the project doesn't be come too big and too expensive to maintain after construction. Memorial Field deserves better care and is in need of repair.
Parking				
the parking garage the parking availability ADA parking shared parking	 	 	 	instead of surface parking, dump time, pre-pay or additional pay-stations with the women's resource center
Project History/Team				
** existing studies ** preserve/work with existing ** preserve/work with existing ** quality of design team ** do the right thing ** budget			    	This is not a time to "reinvent the wheel". The design team must possess and review any and all previous studies to prevent repetition of work. Memorial Field is worth saving/renovating. If the design team can't make it work, find a new design team. Maintain the existing facility and renovate it responsibly. The district is to be commended for hiring a firm with experience in similar projects. Do what is best for Memorial Field, State High, the Community and the District. The project must begin with and adhere to an affordable budget.
Press Box				
the press box				

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Seating				
seating on both sides seating site lines ADA seating seating type seating capacity and distribution ** seating capacity and distribution ** seating capacity seating condition ** seating condition ** seating condition endzone seating ** endzone seating freshman and sophomore seating				<p>personal seats</p> <p>open bleachers, debris under the stands centered on 40-yd line, need more seats</p> <p>Increase seating capacity, restrooms and locker rooms, improve press box. Build seating over the field access ramp.</p> <p>Renovate or replace and increase number of bleachers.</p> <p>visitor stands are falling down</p> <p>The bleachers seem old but not unsafe. Fix minimal structural issues and leave it at that.</p> <p>The bleachers are unstable and dangerous.</p> <p>non-traditional type</p> <p>Examine seating options for the endzone to increase capacity.</p> <p>get them in the stadium, earn their seats</p>
Streets				
watching games from the street logistics closing Fraser Street can Nittany Street be closed improve street lighting ** safety and security				<p>street fair atmosphere, security</p> <p>logistics in closing the streets, narrowing the street, access to stands</p> <p>better connection to the Fairmont building</p> <p>for perceptoin of safety</p> <p>Make is safe, secure and durable.</p>
The Parklet				
watching games from the parklet ** watching games from the parklet				<p>security, freshman and sophomores, distracts from game, improve</p> <p>Expanding into the Parklet or closing part of Fraser St are not in our best interests.</p>
Timing				
"get 'er done" ** budget/timing concern				<p>expediency for current crop of school kids</p> <p>With the current SCASD budget shortfall, this may not be an ideal time to move forward.</p>
Transportation				
poor bus access traffic management borough could help manage				
Utilities				
the sink hole ** drainage and sinkhole stormwater upgrade utilities				<p>stormwater management</p> <p>Ensure that the drainage and sinkhole issues on site are addressed.</p> <p>flooding</p> <p>water to the stands, drainage</p>

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