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On February 22<sup>nd</sup> a meeting the GEDC was held in Galena. There were several topics discussed.

First was a discussion of the new project, funded by the State, to expand classroom space for the boarding school. Initially we had assumed that the engineers would put most of their effort into designing a new School Building. However, the word from the State was that there is little chance that there would be construction dollars to build a brand new high school for 300 students. Therefore our emphasis will be to design classroom space out of existing buildings.

This affected the committee thinking on the 3 scenarios of development. In the scope of work for the reuse plan it was outlined that there would be multiple scenarios developed on how to reuse the base facilities. The scenarios considered included a very minimal development with most of the buildings destroyed to a maximum development with most of the buildings being retained.

Now that we are considering even more buildings dedicated to educational uses, it was the **decision of the GEDC that very few of the Base facilities should be demolished.** It was recognized that although there may be some risk to having the city own empty buildings, it was important to maintain the opportunity for future economic development. These building are assets that would be difficult to replace.

On Wednesday I met with the consultants and advised them that the economic and financial feasibility portions of the reuse plan should reflect the committee decision to save most of the buildings on the base.

There was also a discussion regarding the MOU with the State and the Air force need to see a written document from the State agreeing that Galena will be the eventual owner of the land. So far we are waiting for the written response from the State.

The next meeting of the GEDC will be on March 7. This will be an open meeting for the community and all Re use Stake holders. It will be at the Community Hall from 10: AM into the after noon. An outline of the reuse plan will be available to discuss. The consultants will be there to answer questions and take additional comments.

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