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During the discussion that followed, Administration Liaison Cheryl Wangeman said that the academy could offer its own bond to raise funds for the construction of the school or could combine with the district to do so. She said that the academy has a 3 percent reserve at this time. In the past they have often put money aside from the per pupil funding from the state to pay for construction or improvements on the present site.

Board Liaison John Magerko reminded that public comments will continue to be accepted up to 90 days after the application is accepted and during the negotiation period.

MA faculty members and subcommittee member Howard Bonser commented that the site for the school must be determined before further planning would be done. He assured DAAC that MA would take as long as necessary to complete the job right.

The committee voted to approve

the recommendation of the subcommittee.

Long Term Facilities Planning update and preschool forum

DAAC Co-chair Anne-Marie Hasstedt, a member of the Long Term Facilities Planning Committee (LTFP), reported on the process underway throughout

this year, including several community meetings, nine committee meetings, surveys, and other events. The committee is examining demographic information and considering construction priorities through 2024.

The committee recommends the construction of two new elementary schools along the I-25 corridor. With this in mind, they have examined the available properties, including space on the property where Bear Creek Elementary stands, the property where Grace Best Education Center stands, and district owned property in the Forest Lakes subdivision, and at the intersection of Highways 83 and 105.

The committee currently sees the construction of an elementary school at the Bear Creek site and conversion of Bear Creek Elementary back into a middle school as the most feasible.

However, due to the large population of Bear Creek Elementary, were it to be converted, two elementary schools would be needed.

Regarding the use of Grace Best as an elementary, a number of problems arise, including proximity to an assisted living facility, traffic congestion, proximity of the bus barn, and expen-

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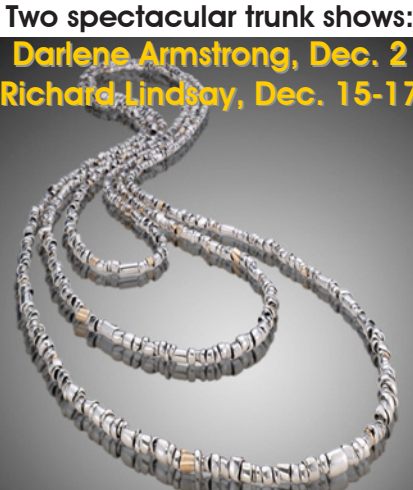
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