

## Hill Central Design Unveiled

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City Plan commissioners got their first look this week at color renderings of the new \$35 million Hill Central School on Dewitt Street. The Pre-K to 8 features a fuel cell central power facility to be shared with nearby Roberto Clemente School, which is under construction.

Both schools are part of the final phase of the city's \$1.5 billion school construction program.

At last week's City Plan Commission meeting, architect Ken Boroson showed a rendering of the façade and what he called an atrium-like "main street" that one encounters on entering. With its two-story brick façade and glass curtain walls at the entryways, the school has the appearance of both solidity and lightness, not unlike the [Clinton Avenue School](#), which Boroson also built.

Boroson replied to commissioners' inquiries that the drawings reflected sustained input from Hill Aldermen Jorge Perez and Andrea Jackson-Brooks and a sitting school construction committee.

Where trees had to be removed, in part, to allow sight lines for security cameras, commissioners requested vegetation such as bushes be re-planted. Demolition of the current building is planned for this spring, with completion in April 2012.

