

*Gunn High School Facilities Steering Committee*  
**Architectural Renovations**  
**MASTER PLANNING MEETING**  
Jan. 21, 2009

*In attendance:* Paul Stickney (PAUSD Facilities Management Consultant), Erwin Lee (Deems, Lewis, McKinley architect), Dean Schmitz (DLM architect), Jeanne Beck, Kristi Bowers, Judy Buttrill, Kim Cowell, Paul Dunlap, Roni Habib, Lisa Hall, John Hebert, Chris Horpel, Tom Jacobowsky, Noreen Likins, Dawna Linsdell, James Lubbe, Matt McGinn (for Don Briggs), Todd Summers, Lettie Weinmann, Phil Winston, Gunn students Justin Kahn and Rachael Flesichmann (notes taken by Martha Elderon).

I. EDGES OF CAMPUS

- i. DLM architect Erwin Lee focused on the western (near Miranda Rd.) and eastern (current parking lot) edges of campus, showing where bike cages and car parking would be located.
  1. The Calif. Department of Education's current regulations for school parking lots are stricter than they were when Gunn was first built.
    - a. Cars cannot back out into a drop-off area
    - b. Drop-off areas should be separated from parking areas.
    - c. Bike cages and bike lanes should be separated from cars.
  2. A proposed plan for bike lanes and bike storage areas was presented.
    - a. A bike lane along the edge of the parking lot could guide bike traffic from the Georgia bike path alongside the tennis courts and gym over to the largest bike cage, located between the gym and Music building.
    - b. Another bike cage could be located in the current Visitor Parking area east of the Admin. 1 and 2 buildings. It could be surrounded by shrubbery and/or islands to protect it from car traffic.
    - c. A third bike cage could be located west of the Art Building, just south of the Village, for easy access from the Miranda Road side of campus.
  3. Three main car parking areas could be separated by shrubbery or islands:
    - a. Visitor and Staff Parking could be where current staff parking is.
    - b. Student Parking area #1 could be just north of that.
    - c. Student Parking area #2 could be at the far north end of our current parking lot, up against the tennis courts
  4. A student drop-off area could be located near the current bike cages. Students would have immediate access to the Quad after the dumpsters and wall between Admin. 1 and the music building are removed.
  5. The back road that parallels Miranda could be reconfigured after the portables are moved.
    - a. A bike cage and parking spaces could be added.
    - b. Parking for Home Ec. and IA teachers needs to be close to their classrooms since they transport heavy items from their cars.
    - c. The bike path that comes from the football field area could be extended into this area to ease the flow of pedestrian and bike traffic.
    - d. The turn-around area necessary for emergency vehicle access might encourage student drop-off traffic and congestion.
    - e. The trash pick-up area could be moved to this area.

## II. SINGLE-LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

- a. A drawing showed where campus buildings would be located if they remained single-story. They would expand into the parking lot as well as west and south of the gym.
- b. Open space would be lessened with a single-level plan.

## III. BACK FIELDS

- a. Fields north of the football field are labeled “future, proposed” and will be designed later.
- b. Storage and restroom buildings north of the football field need to be re-located around the Hetch Hetchy easement.

## IV. FUTURE PLANS AND MEETINGS

- a. Our goal now is to prioritize building plans based on budget and construction timing.
  - i. Budget
    1. PAUSD Business Manager Bob Golton says there are two phases of Bond Measure A (Phase I is funded, Phase II is recommended) but we can rearrange priorities if needed.
  - ii. Construction Timing
    1. Priorities at this point are classroom space and a second gym
    2. If the Village classroom buildings are constructed first, current Village portables could be moved to the parking lot and used as interim housing.
    3. The RC building could be used as interim housing and renovated last.
- b. Future meetings
  - i. Feb. 2, 7-9 pm in Gunn Library (open to public)
  - ii. Feb. 4, 12:30 pm in Gunn Staff Lounge (Erwin will present his budget needs and ask the Steering Committee for priorities).
  - iii. Minutes of past Facilities Steering Committee meetings and Master Plan drawings can be found at [www.gunn.pausd.org](http://www.gunn.pausd.org) by clicking “Facilities” on left side.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. *AJ Lumsdaine (no address given):*
  - i. Priority should be given to traffic flow on campus. Architects could shadow students and staff to better understand our needs.
  - ii. She favors a one-story plan and wants more options offered. She quoted the California Public School Construction Cost Reduction Guidelines (mandated if matching funds are sought). It states that it is generally not cost effective to build multiple stories due to the extra cost of elevators, stairs and ramps, and the state recommends developing both one- and two-story plans. Also mentioned as two-story detractors were seismic problems and the extra time it takes for handicapped students to wait for elevators.
- b. *Maryanne Welton, 660 Kendall Ave., Palo Alto 94306:*
  - i. It is important to examine the traffic flow.
  - ii. Two-story buildings preserve valuable open space and permeable surfaces, making them more cost- and energy-efficient.
  - iii. We should seek natural ventilation and lighting, permeable surfaces, and outdoor gathering spaces.
- c. *Richard Nelson, 673 Georgia Ave., Palo Alto 94306:*
  - i. Many homebuyers in the Green Acres neighborhood adjacent to Gunn High bought their homes before the school was built in 1964 and resent the negative impact of school buildings. They are especially opposed to a multiple-story parking structure in the current parking lot.
- d. Further comments can be emailed to Erwin Lee at [elee@dml.com](mailto:elee@dml.com).