

Gunn High School Facilities Steering Committee
Architectural Renovations
MASTER PLANNING MEETING
March 4, 2009

In attendance: Paul Stickney (PAUSD Facilities Management Consultant), Tom Hodges (PAUSD rep), Erwin Lee (Deems, Lewis, McKinley architect), Dean Schmitz (DLM architect), Jeanne Beck, Kristi Bowers, Judy Buttrill, Paul Dunlap, Lisa Hall, John Hebert, Chris Horpel, Joan Jacobus (parent rep), Tom Jacobowsky, Anne Jensen, Noreen Likins, James Lubbe, Lettie Weinmann, Phil Winston, Gunn students Justin Kahn and Rachael Fleischmann, 6 members of the public. (notetaker: Martha Elderon).

I. REVIEW OF MASTER PLAN PROGRESS

- a. At this final site-based Facilities Steering Committee meeting, Erwin Lee reviewed the purpose of Gunn's proposed renovation, which is to accommodate a predicted population increase, organize and provide focus for the campus, and improve traffic flow (pedestrian, vehicle and bike).
 - i. A traffic engineer examined DLM's plans to re-organize the parking lot and agreed it would improve safety and traffic flow. He will answer questions at the March 11 community meeting (7 pm in Gunn Library).

II. PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE & COSTS

- a. A "Project List" draft was distributed showing the suggested order of construction projects as well as their estimated costs. The five Project Groups have a projected total of \$120.72 million (since Parking Improvements was mistakenly listed twice, the draft's total was \$5 million higher).
 - i. An "escalation" percentage increase was added to each Group's estimated cost to accommodate future inflation. It was suggested that accumulated interest on Bond funds would offset this increase, but Tom Hodges said interest rates are currently low and it is also unclear how State Funding will be affected by inflation.
 - ii. It is important to stick to the Master Plan through a fluctuating economy and not leave projects unfinished.
- b. DLM's goal is to prioritize the Groups, then move on to scheduling, final documentation, Board of Education approval, and authorization to start projects.

III. PROJECT GROUPS AND PRIORITIES

- a. While there will be flexibility to rearrange Groups 2-5 in the future, Group 1 projects need to be clarified now. Every two years the Master Plan will be re-visited and adjusted based on changing budget and building needs.
- b. Current projects are the aquatic center, IA building renovation and relocation of portable classrooms for interim housing.
- c. Group 1, the next set of construction projects, includes Classrooms Buildings A and B (2-story buildings in the Village), a second gym and modernization of existing gym, parking lot/drop-off improvements, and general utility and infrastructure upgrades.
- d. Parking lot improvements would begin with the 2/3 of the lot closest to the entrance, preserving the back 1/3 for interim housing (22 portables) throughout other projects. The 8 T-wing portables may also be moved to the back parking lot for interim housing.
- e. A strong need was expressed for the new Performing Arts building to accommodate the growing student population. As a result, the committee agreed to move the Performing Arts building project from Group 3 to Group 2, exchanging it with the SAC/Media Arts building project, which moves to Group 3.

- i. Spangenberg modernization would also be moved from Group 3 to Group 2 since it would be adjacent to the Performing Arts building. The Spangenberg Lobby project may or may not be included in Group 2.
 - 1. The renovation of Paly's Haymarket Theatre should not be done simultaneously with Spangenberg's renovation, to preserve one large theatre in the PA district.
- ii. Once the current Music building is demolished, space for the new entry court becomes available, so that project was moved from Group 4 to Group 2 (though the old RC building would still be visible).
- iii. It was requested that amphitheatre improvements be moved from Group 3 to Group 1 or 2 since more students would be on the north end of campus once Classroom Buildings A and B are completed, but no decision was made.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. The RC building is divided into many small rooms, so will require renovation to create regular-sized classrooms as interim housing.
- b. If PAUSD changes its graduation requirements to match the UC system, World Language classes will be in heavy demand, creating a need for more classroom space.
- c. It will be difficult for contractors to access the Quad area to build the new SAC/Media Center since it's currently surrounded by buildings. Rearrangement of projects might be needed to avoid this.
- d. If building plans for the Fieldhouse can be provided, Chris Horpel can possibly find a donor.
- e. Modernization of the L-wing might be split into Group 2 and Group 3 to adjust to the SAC project moving to Group 3.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. *Duncan MacMillan*: Can we move the renovation of the West Access Road and parking area from Group 3 to Group 1 to ease traffic flow?

VI. FUTURE PLANS

- a. A community meeting to discuss the current priorities will be held March 11, 7 pm in Gunn's Library.
- b. DLM will present their proposed plan and schedule of projects to the Board of Education on March 17 (Board questions may necessitate another Facilities Steering Meeting in April).
- c. Tom Hodges will update the Project List of the five renovation Groups based on comments at today's meeting. Noreen will email this to the Facilities Committee and solicit comments.
 - i. Comments will be accepted through March 9, so they can be incorporated into DLM's March 11 presentation to the Board of Education.