



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Meeting Minutes

Subject Facilities District Advisory Committee – Santa Monica (FDAC-SM)

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Date July 31, 2023

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Time 4:30 pm

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Location FIP Conference Room

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1. Call to Order - Alexis called the meeting to order at 4:38pm

Present Margaret Bach  
Present Amy Bisson  
Present Alexis Dennis-Huether  
Present Joan Krenik  
Absent Sam Levitt  
Absent Thomas Malayil  
Present Ralph Mechur  
Present Judith Meister  
Absent Peter James – City of Santa Monica Rep  
Absent Laurie Lieberman – Board of Education Liaison  
Absent Jennifer Smith – Board of Education Liaison  
Present Jon Kean – Board of Education Liaison

2. Approval of the Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda made by Joan Krenik and unanimously approved with the clarification from Steve Massetti that item #6 will only be an update on the status of the report and no presentation as per the issued agenda. Alexis acknowledged the change and noted that the change was not published and apologized to the public present and requested any changes in the future to be published timely.

3. Approval of the Minutes - Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Margaret, seconded by Judith Meister, motion approved  
a. June 12, 2023

Margaret requested format clean up to the minutes for better clarification going forward.

4. Chairperson Communications/Reports – Alexis noted that the design review sub-committee did not have any designs to review since the last meeting. The sub-committee did meet and further discuss the possibility of having guiding design

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principals to go along with the design review process. Alexis noted that maybe an update will be available for the August meeting.

5. Staff Communications/Reports – Steve provided an update on the bond feasibility meetings and polling. The polling indicates strong community support for a bond around \$500M and less support for a larger bond. No decisions have been made by the Board as to the potential size or timing of the bond. Discussions will continue late Fall. Steve noted that if the Board decided for a March 2024 ballot the decision would need to be made by November 2023 at the latest. Joan Krenik noted that the District should re-consider a March 2024 ballot in order to allow more time to show progress of construction at project sites.
6. Discussion Items – Carey provided an update on the Civic Auditorium. The presentation and feasibility study are not completed. Public comments on the status will not be provided until it is completed per advisement from legal counsel due to the nature of the potential purchase of property. The District is aware that the City has cancelled negotiations with the other interested party and is currently only in negotiations with the District. At this time it still appears to be a good option to continue pursuing. Joan Krenik asked how the purchase would be funded if purchased, Carey noted the property purchase and construction would be from future bond dollars. Margaret Bach asked about the option for a long term lease over a purchase, Steve & Carey noted this is most likely not an option. Joan Krenik asked to have all completed documents issued prior to the next meeting and with the agenda if available.
7. Ongoing Project Updates/Discussion:
  - a. Samohi Update
    - i. Exploration Building and Gym – Alan noted that the project is still on track for occupation before the start of the Fall semester in August 2024.
      1. Construction Update – Alan noted that the project has now been under construction for almost 13-months of a 24-month contract, with a completion scheduled for 11-months from now. Alan presented a flyover video to show project’s current status.
    - ii. Phase 4
      1. 4a (English to Admin) Design Update – Alan noted that conceptual plans are continuing to be developed. Carey noted that the report provided last week wasn’t good. District is reviewing further before decisions are made. Carey also noted that these sort of requirements are more than likely going to be more common with DSA on older buildings. Margaret asked how DSA factors historic buildings into this requirement. Carey noted that DSA only looks at certain aspects of a project.

- b. Safety and Security (Districtwide) Projects Update – No update provided.
8. Middle and Elementary School Projects -
- a. Muir/SMASH Water Intrusion Repair Project – Kevin provided update and presented proposed design element changes, including the proposed plan for tree removal & replacement. Margaret requested to walk the site, Kevin will schedule a walk. Judith noted that design changes are being made without site input nor with any direction as to what the site will ultimately be. Carey noted it is a concern and conversations with the new Superintendent are in process of being scheduled.
  - b. McKinley New Classroom/Admin Building & Library Modernization – Kevin noted that hazardous materials were recently discovered on the project site. Carey noted that DTSC is in discussions with the District to review & approved plans before proceeding. Kevin noted that the bids received are over budget and the District is working with the contractor on a plan to re-bid. Alexis asked when the project was previously budgeted before bids were received. Kevin noted that estimates were provided a various design phases and Steve noted that the construction budgets were updated by the board earlier this year. Carey noted that the project will not be starting as originally planned.
  - c. Rogers New Early Learning Building and Field Replacement – Carey noted that this project will not start this summer. Margaret asked if the District should reconsider how the design team is selected and contracted for future projects. Amy asked about labor on projects, Steve noted the project is a PLA project and some trade packages only received one bid and some trade packages didn't have any bids due to the PLA, according to the contractor.
  - d. JAMS – Same update as item 8.c. for the Library Modernization project. Barbara noted that NAC was awarded the design services for the New STEAM building project and a kickoff meeting is scheduled with the Principal on August 14.
  - e. Grant Library and TK Modernization – (Deferred ) – Barbara noted that the portable project was in procurement and planned to start construction in late October or November.
  - f. Franklin Campus Plan – Barbara noted that geotechnical investigations are underway to identify whether an earthquake fault exists on the site or not.
  - g. Roosevelt Campus Plan Modifications – Barbara noted the the pre-design phase is complete and the conceptual layout has been established. CEQA public meetings are being scheduled. Geotechnical borings will be schedule soon.
  - h. Lincoln Middle School Campus Plan – Barbara noted that schematic design is scheduled to be complete on September 15<sup>th</sup>. A meeting with the new Principal is scheduled to take place in mid-August.

9. Report from the FDACSM Design Review Subcommittee – Margaret noted that the subcommittee met with Barbara and they're working on design guidelines that are measurable and will be attached to future A/E RFQ/P's.
10. Public Comments – None
11. Future Meeting(s):  
August 21, 2023
12. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn made by Judith Meister at 6:30pm, seconded by Amy Bisson and unanimously approved