



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

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

Date November 20, 2023

Time 4:30 pm

Location FIP Office

1. Call to Order - Alexis called the meeting to order at 4:33pm

Present Margaret Bach
Present Amy Bisson
Present Alexis Dennis-Huether
Present Joan Krenik
Present Thomas Malayil
Absent Ralph Mechur
Present Judith Meister
Vacant – 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 Minutes

- a. July 31, 2023 (tabled from August meeting) – Motion to approve the 7/31/23 minutes was made by Margaret, seconded by Joan Krenik. Abstention made by Thomas Malayil. Motion approved.
- b. August 21, 2023 - Motion to approve (with corrections made to item 6 & 7a.ii.1) the 8/21/23 minutes was made by Margaret, seconded by Joan Krenik. Motion approved.

3. Chairperson Communications/Reports - None

4. Staff Communications/Reports - None

5. Discussion Items

- a. Design Principles document proposed by FDACSM Design Review Subcommittee (attached for committee members to review prior to the meeting) – Steve introduced this item. Staff met with the design

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subcommittee to collectively create the design principles document. Margaret noted that as part of the subcommittee, and in conjunction with Staff this document is a consensus of a set of principles that we'd like to move forward to the board for adoption if that is the appropriate action. Steve and Carey suggested that we should first agree on design principles and then take them to the board subcommittee for review and direction. The committee discussed and commented on implementation.

6. Ongoing Project Updates/Discussion:

a. Samohi Update – Carey mentioned that the PBL program that is currently at SMC will be moving to the Samohi business building.

i. Exploration Building and Gym (SMS) – Alan updated the committee on the project.

1. Construction Update – we are now 66% through this project, we have 7 months to go which is roughly 150 working days.

*Public Comment – Claudia Bautista-Nicholas – spoke on behalf of the Samohi Community Schools Council – focus group of 16 students who surveyed 410 students from Samohi, PBL & OCLC hoping to get a baseline understanding of the needs of our students. Claudia expressed the groups needs for the Exploration building and gym as well as the safety & and security of the buildings in our high school.

ii. Samohi Campus Plan Update and Phase 4, English Building (Future Bond) – Carey updated the committee. It appears that the modernization/replacement are going to cost about the same amount with the modernization possibly costing more which led us to pause. We believe more study and discussion needs to happen before we bring it back to the committee & board subcommittee. We have asked MRY to do a review of our overall Phase 4 campus plan (Library, Theatre, Admin, Student Services Center & Classrooms). All options will be looked at. Their scope is to revisit Phase 4 and a little bit of the Phase 5 campus plan and give us some different options on how we may build it out.

Joan asked if this would delay the timeline, Carey responded in the affirmative.

Carey also discussed what is driving the cost of modernizing the English building.

Amy asked about the arches on the English building and if they have historical significance. Carey responded that if the building cannot be saved we will try to replicate the arches somewhere.

Alexis added that she attended the presentation and felt like it was one of the more positive ones in terms of the public's reaction & and feedback to the modernization option.

- b. Civic Auditorium (Future Bond) – Brief Status Update – Steve mentioned that the SM Conservancy is seeking national landmark status.
 - c. Safety and Security (Districtwide) Projects Update (SMS) – No update. Item skipped.
- 7. Middle and Elementary School Upcoming Projects – Steve asked to take items out of order at the request of the architect. Roosevelt first.
 - a. Muir/SMASH Water Intrusion Repair Project (SMS) – Kevin updated that the new changes are being designed with the plan for students to return in August 2025
 - i. Design and Construction Update
 - ii. DSA Status
 - iii. Bidding Status/Budget Concerns
 - b. McKinley New Classroom/Admin Building & Library Modernization (SMS) – Steve updated, the project is currently delayed due to the DTSC
 - i. Environmental Concerns/DTSC Update – DTSC has responded and we are looking at late May 2024 as the earliest start date
 - ii. Budget Concerns
 - iii. DSA Status
 - iv. Construction Schedule Update
 - c. Rogers New Early Learning Building and Field Replacement (SMS) – DSA approval is expected tomorrow. Groundbreaking is set for December 8th at 10am.
 - i. Bidding Status/Budget Concerns – Value Engineering down to 22.5m – Steve updated that we have awarded the construction contract to Balfour Beatty
 - ii. DSA Status
 - iii. Construction Schedule Update
 - d. JAMS
 - i. Library Modernization Construction Update (SMS)
 - 1. Low Bid Procurement in Process – Sheere updated, currently out to bid, looking to award at the 12/14/23 board meeting
 - ii. New STEM Building RFP Issued (Future Bond) – Architect is NAC and is currently in design
 - e. Grant – Johnson Favaro presented a new story classroom building with a rooftop learning garden, Parking lot & and playfied reconfiguration. Margaret noted that the scale and design do not reference the current style of the school and looks forward to seeing further iterations. Thomas asked if a rooftop cover for shade has been considered. The architect replied that they will look at wiring up the south 1/3 for shade.
 - i. Portable Building Replacement/Revitalization In Progress (SMS) – Portables are almost complete with painting scheduled over winter break
 - ii. New Classroom Project (Future Bond)

- f. Franklin Campus Plan – The Campus plan will go to the board in January
 - i. Campus Plan Development (Future Bond)
- g. Roosevelt Campus Plan Modifications (Future Bond) – DSK/MRY presented. This project will be funded by the next bond. Thomas asked about the cost. Steve replied that the initial budget is approximately 40 million (not a hard number). Alexis asked if the site had seen this presentation. Carey replied in the negative. They will see it next. Joan mentioned that the cost estimates have been coming in much higher on our current projects and we've had to scale down. Joan added that it's really important to have a strong idea as to what this will cost so we don't continue to have to do the same thing with these new projects. Margaret asked about the open space for the kindergarten, is it being reduced? How will the proposed open space be used for all students? MRY replied that we have captured all of the unused space but there will be some reduction in open space in the kindergarten area.
 - i. CEQA Underway – DTSC sampling/testing (cleaners & gas station across from the school)
 - ii. Design Status Update, Phase 1
- h. Lincoln Middle School Campus Plan (Future Bond) – A4LE presented. Margaret noted that this design is very well thought out. Judith liked the process that you went through, particularly recognizing the history of Santa Monica in terms of incorporating that into the design. Looks like a great space for kids.
 - i. 500s Building Design Underway

8. Report from the FDACSM Design Review Subcommittee – None

9. Public Comments

Public Comments is the time when members of the audience may address the Committee on items not scheduled on the meeting's agenda. All speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. When there are a large number of speakers, the Chair may reduce the allotted time to two (2) minutes per speaker. The Brown Act (Government Code) states that Committee members may not engage in discussion of issues raised during "Public Comments" except to ask clarifying questions, make a brief announcement; make a brief report on his or her own activities, or to refer the matter to staff. This Public Comment section is limited to 20 minutes. If the number of persons wishing to address the Committee exceeds the time limit, additional time will be allowed at the discretion of the Chair.

10. Future Meeting(s):

December 18, 2023

January 22, 2024

11. Requested Topics for Future Meetings

- a. Green Space Per Campus
- b. SMS Budget Overview/Update
- c. 2024 Future Bond Projects

12. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Margaret, seconded by Amy