



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

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

Date June 12, 2023

Time 4:30 pm

Location FIP Conference Room

1. Call to Order - Alexis called the meeting to order at 4:36pm

Present Margaret Bach
Present Amy Bisson
Present Alexis Dennis-Huether
Present Joan Krenik
Absent Sam Levitt
Present Thomas Malayil
Present Ralph Mechur
Absent Judith Meister
Absent Julie Waterstone
Absent Peter James – City of Santa Monica Rep
Absent Laurie Lieberman – Board of Education Liaison
Present 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 Margaret Bach and unanimously approved

3. Approval of the Minutes - Motion to approve both meeting minutes made by Margaret, abstentions made by Thomas Malayil and Amy Bisson, motion approved

- March 13, 2023
- May 15, 2023

Alexis requested that a confirmation of the posting of the approved minutes be placed on the agenda going forward.

4. Chairperson Communications/Reports – Alexis noted that she attended the first meeting of the bond feasibility sub-committee. Alexis also noted that the design review sub-committee met and will have an update on the campus guidelines & standards.

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5. Staff Communications/Reports - None

6. Ongoing Project Updates/Discussion:

a. Samohi Update

i. Exploration Building and Gym

1. Construction Update – Alan provided an update (see attached)

ii. Phase 4

1. Planning/Programing – Barbara provided an update. JFA has been hired to work on the project.
2. 4a (English to Admin) Design Update – design started 1/25/23
3. Potential Project Modification – Humanities Center – Carey introduced this item with a presentation. Discussion about returning the library to the 2nd floor of the English building and moving the black box theatre to its own building. Carey noted that the square footage will be similar with the addition of a couple of classrooms to the new building with black box. Ralph asked if the site had been involved in this discussion. Carey replied in the affirmative, site admin, librarians, teachers & executive director. Carey also noted that moving the library to the Student Center has been discussed but the librarians were concerned about sound. Ralph added that it seemed like a great idea but wondered if it's the best idea for the students and site, asking what are some other options for the space. Alexis asked Joan how the site/area functions now? Joan replied that they could always use more space. Adding that the space definitely needs upgrades (like more electric outlets) and updating but generally speaking it's a great space that works well. Joan expressed her concern about being displaced for at least 4 years if the theatre is replaced as opposed to 2 years if they stay in their current space. Ralph commented that we need to be future thinking for our educational needs. Margaret added that we need to think big picture and asked why we couldn't make the library space quiet if we were to add it to the Student Center building. Margaret also added that she appreciated the rethinking, the access to the library in the rendering is appealing and would possibly provide increased use of the library and noted that it's a great opportunity to listen to what the librarians are telling you and we should think about how the library can be an integral part of a students experience. Amy noted that she liked the idea of the adjacency of the black box to Barnum. Thomas expressed his concern about the Michigan parking

being taken by the new Admin building and inquired about the impact and access to the new parking lot on the corner of Michigan & Pico. Joan asked what would be part of Phase 4. Steve replied that Phase 4 includes the English building, Business building and the Admin building.

- b. Safety and Security (Districtwide) Projects Update – Kevin updated the committee on the status of the PA, Bells & Clocks project. Project completed at Obama Center. MHS will be done this summer with WRLC following. Washington West still needs to be done and Edison needs to be looked at to determine if it needs any work.

Kevin also noted that we are working with our IT department to manage the installation of Wireless access points (WAPs) through our 21st Century Technology Project (Measure BB). This work is ongoing.

7. Discussion Items

- a. Potential New Projects
 - i. Civic Auditorium Feasibility Study – Carey updated that the feasibility study should be ready in mid-July. The appraisal has been completed by both the City and the District but has not been delivered. Possibly going to the board on 7/20/23 for direction.
- b. 2024 Bond Planning – Carey showed a couple of slides (see attached) and noted that the process is moving along. The sub-committee has met once and the second meeting is planned for 6/26/23.

8. Middle and Elementary School Projects

- a. Muir/SMASH Water Intrusion Repair Project – Kevin provided an update on the status noting that we are waiting for DSA approval estimated Oct-Dec 2023. Testing is being done. On track for an August 2025 completion.
- b. McKinley New Classroom/Admin Building & Library Modernization – July 24, 2023 start date, August 2025 completion date. Summer scope board item followed by a full project construction item going to the board in approximately September 2023.
 - i. CEQA Update, EIR Adopted 6/22/23
 - ii. DSA Status
 - iii. Construction Schedule Update
- c. Rogers New Early Learning Building and Field Replacement – July 24, 2023 start date with DSA projected to be complete in July. Summer scope board item followed by a full project construction item going to the board in approximately September 2023.
 - i. DSA Status
 - ii. Construction Schedule Update (with JAMS Library)
 - iii. Concerns Regarding Early Education Building Walls/Windows – Carey updated the committee indicating that the district is in a

deeper conversation about how/what are the educational goals for our buildings and how do we make them safe & secure once those goals are identified. For now we are building the spaces to have steel frames but what goes in those frames is still to be decided upon. Lots of discussions are happening with more meetings in the works. Noting that we expect to have decisions in late Fall after the Superintendent and executive director meet with the unions, staff and teachers. Thomas asked if we had reached out to a professional security firm to provide their input noting that RAND is in Santa Monica and would be an obvious choice to reach out to. Thomas also added that it would be imprudent to not pursue an expert in this. Amy added that she was on the site committee for the Discovery building and there was discussion about the glass but the group opted for the glass and use of the outdoor space instead of solid walls. She did add that students and teachers need a place to shelter and having a workroom between classrooms is something to think about. Carey added that part of the design includes training for students & teachers on sheltering in the Discovery building, which did not yet happen because the building was completed during Covid. He will follow up on that.

- d. JAMS
 - i. Library Modernization Construction Update (with Rogers) – Barbara updated. Temp library completed
 - ii. New STEAM Building – Barbara provided an update about the architect selection. Short list is being interviewed this Thursday.
 - 1. Design Procurement Update
- e. Grant Library and TK Modernization – Deferred
 - i. Portable Building Replacement/Revitalization In Process – Michael provided a status update.
- f. Franklin New Makerspace and Field Replacement – Deferred – Barbara provided a status update.
- g. Roosevelt Campus Plan Modifications – 18-month design process. Site investigations to be done over the Summer.

The design subcommittee would like to see a design update for the Library and would like to schedule a sub-committee meeting close to the end of schematic design.

 - i. CEQA Underway – Community meeting to be planned for the Fall.
 - ii. Design Status Update, Phase 1
- h. Lincoln Middle School Campus Plan – Michael provided an update. The architects are working on the schematic design.
 - i. 500s Building Design Underway

- 9. Report from the FDACSM Design Review Subcommittee – Margaret updated on the ongoing conversation the subcommittee is having regarding the design guidelines. Margaret asked about the guidelines given in our current RFP, noting that their goal

is to have consistency in values that might apply districtwide. Alexis mentioned that the subcommittee is looking at scale, materials & palette. Margaret & Alexis requested a copy of the RFP for JAMS & Samohi English building to review.

Margaret mentioned that it would be nice to invite the new superintendent to a future SMFDAC meeting.

Margaret asked if we had received any applications for the open positions on the SMFDAC. Steve replied that we do have a few and will look to add two new members soon.

10. Public Comments – None

11. Future Meeting(s):
July 17, 2023

Thomas asked that the FDAC member term expirations be posted on the SMFDAC webpage.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Joan Krenik at 6:41pm, seconded by Amy Bisson and unanimously approved