

PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL
Palo Alto Unified School District

FACILITIES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: 17 February 2015, 3:30-5:00 pm
SUBJECT: Palo Alto HS Facilities Steering Committee
ATTENDEES: See attached sign-in sheet

The following are the highlights of the meeting:

Projects in Design or Planning

Library Renovation Update –Budget and Schematic Design Approval

1. The preliminary Schematic Design (SD) estimate indicates that the cost has been reduced approximately \$1.0 m from the Conceptual Design estimate. However, at \$7.7 m it is still \$0.9 m above the SD budget of \$6.8 m. The SD estimate has not been reviewed in detail for scope variations.
2. Meetings are scheduled for Monday the 22nd with the library and guidance user groups to review cost reduction or value engineering options as well as possible alternates.
3. Given the results of the preliminary SD estimate, SD approval by the BOE will be pushed back to the March 24th BOE meeting in lieu of the originally planned March 10th.
4. Rachel Kellerman (RK) advised the group that she is hesitant to make any substantial reductions before exhausting all options that would increase the available funds. She asked if there were other options in the bond program allocations, perhaps even from funds other than the high schools.
5. Tom Hodges (TH) shared that he would be looking for cost reduction options that do not change or cut program. Cuts would come from building systems or from places that would not be noticed by the casual user.
6. RK expressed concern that this process would push the schedule back creating further cost increases.
7. The existing bond is only the first part of a 20-year plan that would include a future bond to complete the program.

New Gymnasium Update:

8. Tom Hodges (TH) shared that the District is currently working through the agreements between the builder and the various design consultants.
9. The gymnasium project is still being estimated by the contractor and the true value won't be determined until all the costs are in. The current shortfall is estimated at \$4m, but is based on the builder's initial estimate and not the actual cost or true value.
10. Some VE items are being incorporated to reduce cost such as the epoxy floor finish being replaced with sealed concrete, but the donor did not want to make some of the more substantial cuts, like eliminating the basement connecting corridor.
11. It's anticipated that the gymnasium will be presented at the 21 April BOE meeting, with action following at the first BOE meeting in May.

Construction Update

Performing Arts Center (PAC):

12. TH informed the committee that Kim Diorio had met with the Superintendent and Bob Golton and that the decision was made to move forward with a plan to implement all alternates into the project. The first three alternates are being incorporated into Alten's contract due to timing, which are:
 - a. Video projector and projection screen
 - b. Interlocking pavers in the plaza in lieu of concrete paving
 - c. Additional line sets at the stage

These will be issued as change orders to Alten, and the board will need to approve the amounts.

13. The FF&E alternates have been budgeted, and separate PO's will be issued during occupancy to have this equipment installed prior to opening the building. These alternates included loose seating, AV equipment, stage lighting and drapes & track.
14. The remaining landscape alternates are planned to be installed as a separate project outside of the PAC contract, since this work is not scheduled to occur until next spring. All alternates are planned to be funded within the PAC budget. It was suggested that the architectural items, such as the Embarcadero entry gates, also be done by Alten in the base contract, so that materials and colors match that of the main building. This will be taken under consideration as we get closer to that time.
15. The PAC project completion date is the beginning of March 2016 with occupancy in August 2016.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

The next FSC meeting is 17 March 2015

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Prepared by Erwin Lee of Deems Lewis McKinley. Please advise if you feel that any of the above items are inaccurate or need further clarification or detail.

cc: Attendees
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