Facilities Review Committee
Minutes
May 17, 2006

Members Present: Jim Blomquist, Charlie Metzler
Resources Present: Jim Keenan, Larry Lauser
Faculty, Staff & Administration: Ann Clark, Carl Koehler, Madeline Mueller, Muriel Parenteau, Ellen Wall

Guests: Frank Markowitz & Sam Fielding – MTA Transportation/Pedestrian Planning

MTA Presentation: Proposed pedestrian and Bike Improvements and Bicycle Path installation on Phelan between Ocean and Judson. Mr. Markowitz reminded the committee that a consideration of Bicycle Improvements were part of the CCSF Master Plan.

Restripping with One Southbound Lane and Two northbound lanes from Ocean to central parking lot entrance. (Loss of approximately 14 on street parking spaces on east side of Phelan Avenue). One northbound thru lane and left turn lane from south crosswalk to existing central parking lot signalized entrance.

Left turn pocket northbound into the north entrance of the Reservoir Parking.

Reconfigure Judson Ave. right lane from 75 ft east of Phelan Ave. into a right turn only lane from Judson to Phelan northbound. Phelan Avenue becomes one single lane southbound at intersection with Judson.

A variety of pedestrian improvements: signals at crosswalks, corner bulb outs, auditory pedestrian signals, relocate MUNI stop, advance limit lines, Hawk flashing pedestrian beacon at Riordan crosswalk, yield to pedestrian signs, curb ramps brought to ADA standards.

The committee voiced the following concerns:

Curb bulb outs could impede delivery (semi) trucks into Cloud and Science Circles.

Members suggested that the SF City Bike path might best be directed a different way than onto Phelan.

The reconfiguration of the traffic lanes will create a traffic jam/back up.

(MTA responded that they did a traffic survey on May 11, 2006 determining that the current traffic/bike/pedestrian flow would not be affected by the proposed reconfiguration of the traffic lanes)

Funding source for the pedestrian improvements is not certain. Therefore the project would put in the bike paths BEFORE putting in the pedestrian safety features i.e. signal lights.

Jim Blomquist suggested that CCSF take the MTA survey data and have another traffic specialist interpret it to determine if the proposed changes would impact traffic and bring this interpretation back to the FRC for its approval. Members present were not in favor of the plan as presented by MTA.

Ann Clark reported that the GALA event 5/16/06 in Diego Rivera Theatre was a great success!

Ann distributed current information about the program for the Performing Arts Center. The Center, to be located in the north reservoir, will break ground in 2008, with a gala opening scheduled for 2010. The Center will include: a new studio theater with 150
seats; an auditorium/theater with 650 seats; a 150-seat recital hall; several new performing arts rehearsal labs and classrooms, and other performing and student-support spaces. A Technology Arts complex, which will finally provide adequate space for Film, Broadcast Electronic Media Arts, Multi-media, Journalism & Architecture will soon follow. A FRC meeting is scheduled for August 30 to review the architectural schematics for the Performing Arts Center.

Muriel Parenteau (Parking and Transportation) reported that there are plans to install 14 new bicycle (hoop) racks on the Ocean campus. Funding to be split between Associated Students and City College. Estimated cost @ $2,000 total. Also the RFP for the Car Share Program is in the works and once complete will be mailed to the three vendors. Target date for Car Share Program to begin is October 2006.

Charles Metzler noted that many pedestrians do not use the sidewalk on Havelock Street and suggested signs be posted encouraging persons to use the sidewalk. Muriel Parenteau said she would refer this situation to the Safety and Health committee.

Jim Keenan reported that there are two trees on Cloud Circle that are sick and could possibly fall down. The committee agreed that Jim move forward to do what was necessary to insure safety for the CCSF community.

Minutes by Muriel Parenteau
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