

**Facilities Review Committee
Minutes
April 26, 2006**

Members Present: Julia Bergman, Jim Blomquist, Sunny Clark, Peter Goldstein, Terry Hall, Joanne Low, Charlie Metzler

Resources Present: Jim Keenan, Tobin Kendrick, David Liggett

Faculty, Staff & Administration: Ann Clark, Steven Glick, Carl Koehler, Winifred Kwofie, Madeline Mueller, Muriel Parenteau

Guests: Barrie Coate, Norbert Holter, Pat O'Brien

1. Landscaping on the Judson/Phelan Corner

Pat O'Brien reviewed the current CCSF facilities master plan for references to landscaping. There is one simple statement: landscaping should enhance the campus.

She reviewed the history of the Monterey Cypress trees on the Judson/Phelan corner. The trees were removed at the end of 2005 as a result of winter storms that toppled several of them. Pat explained that the tree root systems had been undermined by the parking lot surface, which was created long after the trees had been planted and over time negatively impacted the old root systems. After considering approximately 50 trees, the landscaping team decided that once again the Monterey Cypress tree would be most appropriate for the corner. This is a vertical tree, 80' high at maturity, and evergreen; they are symbolic, they resist wind and salt. The young trees can be trained when planted to adjust to the parking surface above their roots. They need to be watered once a week for two years. They grow fast and can be limbed up to create a high canopy. Pat can also create a lighting plan for the area. Several suggested planting designs were shown but no individual plan was recommended. The first phase of planting will be along Phelan, next to the new Student Health Center. The second project for that corner is the Child Development Center project which is at least one year away, so the remaining trees would be planted after that project is completed. The best time to plant is in November. A 4-year old tree comes in a 15 gal. can @ \$55; a 5-year old tree comes in a 24" box. At some point the College might consider having the OH Department grow trees for the campus.

The FRC membership approved the recommendation to go forward with the Monterey Cypress tree.

The proposed landscaping plan will need to be reviewed by the neighbors.

Updates on Previous FRC Issues

Car Share

Parking revenue will fund a new part time position, a Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, who will have multiple duties, including review of the RFP for a Car Share vendor. The Car Share Task Force met March 7.

Cell Phone Towers

The Health & Safety Committee recommended the towers to the FRC, who accepted and forwarded the recommendation.

The RFP for this proposed project produced one response, from Verizon. The Board of Trustees will have a resolution before on them on March 30 to authorize the District to contract with Verizon for a tower on the Ocean Campus and one at the Mission Campus.

Campus Improvement Form

The original form was distributed to FRC members for review. There were no suggested changes. Julia will submit this form to Steve Kech for the first fall issue of City Currents.

Business Department Service Counter

The work might be done by in-house carpenters. Way C. Chan of Facilities Planning will contact Steven Glick or David Dore to inspect the proposed location for a counter.

Business Cards with Art

Julia distributed via email the quotes elicited by the District Business Office from union printers. The proposal has been reviewed by the Communications Committee and by the College Advisory Council. Julia will review the status of the Shared Governance process to determine the next step.

Subcommittee Reports

Works of Art

Carroll Street Warehouse

This building will be sold (approx. \$2 million) with the funds going to bond projects. There are several works of art stored there:

Peter van den Berge, "Jungle Scene"; ceramic bas relief

John Adams Child Care will be offered the work, which was designed for a children's playground.

James Grant, "Prismatic Glass"; sculpture

Tobin has measured the two pieces (each 11' high) and determined that they could be hung in the 25' stairwell at Evans. The piece needs restoration; we need to locate the artist.

Robert Howard, Whales; sculpture

The infrastructure of this beautiful but now fragile piece will be restored with joint funding (it is hoped) from the S.F. Art Commission and the Academy of Sciences. Until that time, they need to be crated (Atthowe?) and stored. Where? Possible locations: next to Tennis Courts? Evans? Peter G. will talk to Phyllis McGuire.

Exhibitions

The Architecture Dept. designed and installed the first exhibit for the remodeled Downtown Campus Lobby. Steve Glick said that it is very compelling, and generates a lot of interest and comment.

John Adams mural

Design of a new mural is underway; painting is expected to begin in June

Art Guide

The new guide was distributed to FRC members. Kudos to Patricia Arack, Mary Marsh and Lisa Velarde who worked on it for two years. It's beautiful.

Parking & Transportation

Parking

Riordan H.S. faculty would like to purchase one-semester parking permits for the lower level of the reservoir as construction on their campus will temporarily remove faculty parking.

Bike Racks

Additional sites for bicycle racks are being considered.

Bike Lane on Phelan

The S.F. Metropolitan Transportation Authority (DPT & MUNI) has funds for additional City bike lanes; the goal is to create a bike lane from City Hall to CCSF. They have proposed two lanes for Phelan Avenue, which would require the removal of two lanes of automobile traffic. Removal of two lanes would create chaotic traffic conditions on Phelan.

The FRC unanimously & strenuously rejected the proposal to remove two automobile traffic lanes from Phelan Avenue and to replace those traffic lanes with bicycle lanes.

Bond Projects

John Adams

It has been recommended that classes at John Adams be temporarily relocated to two S.F.U.S.D. vacant locations, Newcomer High School in Pacific Heights (75 parking spaces), \$800,000 per year rent, and De Avila Elementary School (no parking spaces), \$550,000 per year rent. Courses would also be held in the J.A. Gymnasium, and some would be offered in classrooms in the lower level of Gough Street. The Pacific Heights Neighborhood Association is opposed to the location of J.A. classes at Newcomer H.S.

J.A. Project Priorities: seismic upgrade, window and bathroom replacement; the status of the proposed remodel of the J.A. Library won't be known until the bids are in.

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