



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

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

Date August 21, 2023

Time 4:30 pm

Location FIP Conference Room

1. Call to Order - Margaret called the meeting to order at 4:42pm

Present Margaret Bach
Present Amy Bisson
Present Alexis Dennis-Huether
Present Joan Krenik
Absent Sam Levitt
Present Thomas Malayil
Present Ralph Mechur
Present Judith Meister
Absent Julie Waterstone
Absent Peter James – 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 Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda made by Joan Krenik, seconded by Amy Bisson and unanimously approved
3. Approval of the Minutes – Margaret requested that the addendum to the minutes be removed and that the minutes be reworked. The approval of the 7/31/23 minutes will be moved to our next meeting.
4. Chairperson Communications/Reports – Alexis noted that the design review sub-committee met and will have an update when we get to that item.
5. Staff Communications/Reports - None
6. Discussion Items – Carey introduced this item and Tim Young from CY Architects presented along with Esmeralda Ward from NAC Architecture who presented

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information on the Samohi master plan and the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium feasibility study and adaptive reuse.

At 6:08pm the committee asked questions and provided comments (see below).

a. Civic Auditorium Feasibility Study Review –

Public Comment: Diana Gordon – Save the Civic

Diana expressed her desire to not have the district pursue the Civic Auditorium.

Committee Comments included:

1. Concern expressed in passing a bond if we combine the original bond and the Civic bond. Preference in keeping them separate to make sure that the “initial” bond passes.
2. Judith spoke about what has gone on in the past with regard to the Civic, including multiple efforts by the City to find an entity to repair and operate it.
3. Alexis noted that it might be helpful to make a list of all of the questions.

The committee asked questions regarding:

1. How the Civic would/could be used - Carey explained the possible uses of the Civic and how the students could use the building as well as rental usage.
2. How the students would benefit from the building
3. Costs incurred so far – Steve noted that we have incurred approximately 400K in feasibility architects, attorney fees, , etc.
4. Polling on future bonds – Carey noted that polling was done without considering the Civic. This would be something we would need to go back and poll for.
5. Why the district wants to be in the business of renting facilities/Why does it make sense. Carey explained that the District, through Facilities Use, already does a great deal of this.
6. What the district needs from the committee – Carey noted that this is an initial discussion. In the near future, the district will be going out to the community with many meetings and then will come back to the committee to talk about it some more.
7. How much does the district bring in from facility rentals – Carey replied that the best example (before Covid) would be to look at the 18-19 school year where our facility use department brought in 2 million.

Jon Kean, as board liaison, spoke to the committee noting why we are considering the Civic and that so far it has shown the potential to benefit our students and that if we can't work around an issue, we walk away.

Carey added that while this topic is important, we should not be spending all of our time on it. Our next meeting will be on current projects and updates.

7. Ongoing Project Updates/Discussion:
 - a. Samohi Update
 - i. Exploration Building and Gym – Carey noted that we are currently on schedule.
 1. Construction Update
 - ii. Phase 4
 1. 4a (English to Admin) Design Update – Carey updated that the DSA requirements are extensive and we are concerned about the cost. We will be setting up a meeting with the Santa Monica conservancy to discuss this.
8. Middle and Elementary School Projects – Due to time constraints, Carey updated on anything that has changed since our 7/31/23 meeting.
 - a. Muir/SMASH Water Intrusion Repair Project – Carey noted that we are waiting for DSA feedback on current structural code upgrades.
 - i. Design and Construction Update
 - b. McKinley New Classroom/Admin Building & Library Modernization – Carey noted that there is an environmental concern and for safety reasons we will be installing a vapor barrier between the building and ground (DTSC requirement).
 - i. Environmental Concerns
 - ii. Budget Concerns
 - iii. DSA Status
 - iv. Construction Schedule Update
 - c. Rogers New Early Learning Building and Field Replacement – Carey noted that the project should be out of DSA soon (2 months) and that at the district's request, the contractor is currently rebidding the trade contractors due to prior, extremely high, initial projected costs
 - i. Budget Concerns
 - ii. DSA Status
 - iii. Construction Schedule Update (with JAMS Library)
 - d. JAMS – Due to time, no update given, similar pricing concerns to Rogers issues.
 - i. Budget Concerns
 - ii. Library Modernization Construction Update (with Rogers)
 - iii. New STEM Building
 - e. Grant Library and TK Modernization – Deferred – Due to time, no update given

- i. Portable Building Replacement/Revitalization In Process
 - f. Franklin Campus Plan – Due to time, no update given
 - i. Campus Plan Development
 - ii. Seismic Study – Carey updated that our consultants found no fault line.
 - g. Roosevelt Campus Plan Modifications – Carey noted that we are moving along with the schematic design. Staff has met with the new principal who was excited about the plan. Alexis requested that the design sub-committee see the plans at the mid-point of schematics.
 - h. Lincoln Middle School Campus Plan – Due to time, no update given
 - i. 500s Building Design Underway
9. New FDAC Members, applications needed (Steve/Carey) – Steve noted that we need new members, specifically secondary parents but generally anyone interested. Margaret asked if we could do a press release. Steve replied in the affirmative.
10. Report from the FDACSM Design Review Subcommittee – Alexis updated that they did meet this month and that they decided on their topics at every meeting would be Budget, Open Space/Green Space and recommendations for the next bond.
11. Public Comments – No general public comment.
12. Future Meeting(s):
September 18, 2023 & October 16, 2023
- *Joan requested a budget update and an update on Muir/SMASH at our next meeting. Judith requested a Samohi master plan update at our next meeting.
13. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn made by at 7:13 pm by Judith Meister, seconded by Joan Krenik and unanimously approved