

School Design Team Meeting Minutes

Cleveland High School

Meeting No. 26 / January 15, 2004 / 3:00 p.m. / CHS Library /

General: Full SDT Meeting

1. Opening Remarks

- A. Schematic design presentation to the School Board:
 - i. The design team is currently working on responding to questions from the Board on design issues. The project team may be required to attend an additional meeting regarding the CHS schematic design.
 - ii. General comments from Rick Harwood, principal:
 - 1) Architects are requested to meet with the schools' Special Ed. teaching staff.
 - 2) Architects are requested to meet with the school custodian prior to meeting with the District staff.
 - iii. The agenda will be abbreviated today due to the specific issues regarding the exterior building materials and colors.
 - iv. As a result of Board questions concerning the CHS kitchen/commons and lunch program, the design team needed to address the current plans for the CHS lunch program. A discussion on the current status of the free and reduced lunch program concerning school participation percentage was held. Currently CHS is at 51 percent per records. A future plan that CHS will develop (if needed) is to serve larger numbers of students at lunch. This will involve a three-lunch operation period (much like Ballard High School).

2. Exterior Building Design

- A. Mahlum presented the exterior elevations and perspectives of the current design effort to date (which includes the new classroom building, new gymnasium, commons, and renovated 1927 building). These elevations and perspectives were used in the January 7, 2004 School Board presentation of the design.
- B. Design issues considered for the exterior building materials and colors:
 - i. Landmarks would prefer that the new buildings not attach directly to the landmarked building and that the new buildings not try to duplicate the "look" of the 1927 building.
 - ii. Construction costs as monitored and estimated by Absher (GC/CM).
 - iii. Design issues regarding City of Seattle's Building Code.
- C. Mahlum brought samples of the proposed building material they plan to use on the exteriors of the new buildings.
 - i. The CMU sample was a ground face, light color (Portland Cement) veneer product available locally and has an anti-graffiti surface.
 - ii. The brick material would be a "forced blend" brick to match the existing 1927 building brick.
 - iii. Metal soffits and cladding sample is a metal surfaced with copper / bronze tones.
 - iv. Glazing material is clear Low E double pane with gas-filled thermo break frames.
- D. Artwork for the building project is being studied and if possible will include student participation.
 - i. The lower wall area of the 1927 building along 15th Avenue, at the bus drop-off zone, and under the new canopy would be considered as locations at which to have some artwork developed by the school.

- E. The existing fountain located by the current gymnasium would be relocated at one of the new courtyard areas.
 - i. The fountain would be a sculptural item and not operate as a fountain due to maintenance issues.
- F. Existing interior artworks can be digitally photographed and re-used elsewhere in the building design program.
- G. All other artworks, historic plaques and original wood trim details need to be inventoried and reviewed for re-installation into the new renovated facility (1927 building).
 - i. The architects are to contact Karen Haggard at the school, who manages the memorial brick pavers at the west side of the school.
- H. Mahlum explained the site investigation effort related to the soils report to determine the areas of best soil-bearing capacities. This helps site the buildings as well as further defines foundation and footing design for the project.
- I. General reactions to the presentation of exterior building materials and colors:
 - i. General comments state that the light color does not blend in well with the rest of the site / area (the term "white elephant" was used).
 - ii. The color shown is too contrasting with the red brick of the 1927 building.
 - iii. The color is too "minimalist" in contrast to the 1927 building and detracts from the overall look of the project on site ("looks like a double wide").
- J. Mahlum was asked to present some alternative colors for the buildings.
 - i. A request was made to have alternate material color samples brought out and set up at the school so that students and staff as well as the community could see the options on site. The architects acknowledged that they would proceed to provide that material for further consideration.

3. Next Meeting

- A. The next full SDT meeting will be held February 26, 2004, at 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at CHS Library.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The preceding Minutes are the Construction Manager's interpretation of the items discussed and decisions reached at the above referenced meeting. Any persons desiring to add to or otherwise change the Minutes are asked to put their comments in writing to the Construction Manager not later than **February 13, 2004**; otherwise, the Minutes will stand as written.

The preceding Minutes were prepared by David Wilson, Project Manager, Heery International.