

School Design Team Meeting Minutes

Garfield High School

Meeting No. 22 / June 10, 2004 / 2:30 p.m. / Garfield Library

Organizing Theme Discussion – Larry Matsuda

Comments regarding the organizing theme selection:

- Common theme is that everyone that has gone to Garfield is a bulldog.
- During the recent graduation ceremony, the theme “we are all bulldogs” really stood out.
- Like something that just jumps out at you.
- Exemplifies the design and discussions we have had to date.
- Promise that we will prepare for the students in the future.
- Like a theme to be short, quick, and to the point.
- Building on the past and looking into the future.

The final vote for the organizing theme was 7 to 2 for:

GARFIELD BULLDOGS: LEGACY AND PROMISE

Larry then handed out Garfield Bulldog t-shirts, and Susan Derse cut the celebration cake. The GSDT then walked around and reviewed the design drawings and renderings put on display by BLRB.

Project Update – Don Gillmore

When the group reconvenes in September, the following issues will be discussed:

- Interior colors
- Landmarks
- EIS process
- Zoning appeals

Meetings in the fall will be less frequent. Robert Stephens indicated that he would like to provide additional input regarding the interior colors. It was requested that SDT members send their thoughts and ideas regarding building colors to Ben Slivka. Ben will post ideas and photos on the website for the design team to review over the summer. The deadline for deciding on the interior colors will be the end of November.

Departure Committee

The final Departure Committee meeting was on Tuesday June 8, and the final result was that the committee granted departures for:

- Height
- Set-backs
- Bus loading
- Parking (with the following conditions)
 - Stripe the Horace Mann parking lot, which will provide an additional 59 stalls.
 - Improve the pathway between Garfield and Horace Mann.
 - Work with Robert and the Central Area Neighborhood Association to create a master plan for the Garfield block. This will be ongoing for the next 12 to 18 months.

- Plan to include, lighting, field maintenance, landscaping, paving, etc.
- Attempt to provide parking on both sides of 25th Avenue, north of Jefferson.

The Departure is final; the Department of Neighborhoods will write up the approved motions and the Department of Planning and Development will write the Master Use Permit. Once the MUP is published, the public will have 15 days to make comments and appeal the MUP. If there is an appeal, there will be a hearing, and the School Design Team will be requested to testify. This will most likely not occur until February 2005.

Master Plan for Garfield Block

Discussion regarding the master plan for the Garfield block was as follows:

- The purpose of this condition is to motivate the City and the Parks Department to work with the District to develop design standards for the City block.
- The neighborhood plan has been approved, and funding was provided at that time.
- There are currently no funds for the park; however, the Central Area neighborhood association is trying to put the campus on the upcoming ProParks Levy.
- The problem is that the School District is involved and the City is not.
- Don estimated that the District will most likely have to spend \$25,000 to \$30,000 to hire a consultant to provide details regarding how to achieve the neighborhood goals.
- Robert suggested that the design team discuss the crosswalk on Cherry Street with SDOT. There is currently a plan in place to improve this crosswalk.

Landmarks Board

The design team presented to the Landmarks Board on June 2.

The Landmarks Board is generally pleased with the project. The current plan is to go back to the Board in August requesting a preliminary certificate of approval.

In regards to the windows, it is impossible to replicate the windows exactly because the new windows will be double paned to meet the current energy code. A good example of replicating the windows is Seward/Tops.

- For the Board meeting in August we will be asking for volunteers from the SDT to testify to the Landmarks Board.
- The following people volunteered for the August meeting:
 - Robert Stephens
 - Ross Hungate-Hawk
 - Bonnie Hungate-Hawk
 - Verleeta Wooten
 - Karin Engstrom
 - Ben Slivka
 - Mark Guy
 - Janet Woodward

Community Meeting

Tonight 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This will be the last community meeting of the school year, and Don encouraged SDT members to attend. The EIS hearing will follow the community meeting, and it would be good to have some positive testimony on the record from the SDT members.

School Board Meeting

The next meeting is July 7.

The Garfield schematic design drawings will be presented to the School Board during a study session on July 7. The meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. This will be an information session for the Board; there is no formal approval at this time. Don, Larry, and Tom will present the design to the Board. SDT members are encouraged to attend to answer questions. It is important for the School Board to know that the design of the school was a community effort. Examples of community collaboration will be covered during the presentation. The following people volunteered to attend the study session on July 7:

- Susan Brierley
- Robert Stephens
- Ross Hungate-Hawk
- Bonnie Hungate-Hawk
- Karin Engstrom
- Ben Slivka
- Mazvita Maraire

Miscellaneous Design Discussion

Flooring Discussion:

The current policy for Building Excellence projects is to carpet all of the general purpose classrooms. The following comments were made regarding this policy:

- Concerned about how the carpet will affect students with allergies and asthma.
 - Don clarified that test done on the carpet used for school projects show that this type of carpet actually decreases allergies and asthma-causing agents.
- Carpet will never be cleaned.
 - Don indicated that as part of the project, vacuums will be provided to custodians. However, due to the custodial union rules, vacuums cannot be provided to teachers.

Student Commons Noise Concerns

- Don stated that the design team currently has an acoustical engineer working on the acoustics for the student commons.
- The West Seattle High School commons is similar and the noise level would be comparable to an airport concourse during a lunch period.

Intercom System in the New Building

- There will be an intercom speaker in every room of the new and existing building.
- The intercom system does have a master volume switch that can be controlled by the principal and custodial staff.
- It is important to have a loud intercom to notify people of emergencies.
- The school will need to work together to generate a list or rules regarding intercom use.

Student Art in the New Building

In the fall, the District art director, Marta Olson, will host an art design charette. All those interested in this project will be invited to attend. At that time, a design plan will be determined and people will be assigned to assist in writing grants for various art funding. The School District also has a grant office that could assist with this process.

An SDT member requested that the design team look into the possibility of recycling some of the marble in the shower rooms. This was done at West Seattle and looks very nice.

Review of the Design Renderings

Student Commons:

The renderings show the commons could be used as a cafeteria during the day and a performance hall at night.

- The arch that was destroyed in the 1970's will be recreated with the addition of the library.
- A number of people have made comments regarding wanting to save the Quincy Jones Auditorium. The design team is working to create a space that could still be used for performances.
- There will be a grid behind the stage to hang lights and a curtain.
- Chairs used for performances will be the same as the ones used for the cafeteria.
- Could seat around 600 people in the performance hall.
- An SDT member commented that it would be nice to reduce the size of the shear walls on the south end of the commons.
- Opening up the south end more would be fantastic.
- Both Ballard and West Seattle high schools have similar commons.
- There will not be a shade over the skylight.
- A member suggested curved half-height walls along the sides of the commons to make it look less stark.

Existing Student Signatures in the Auditorium

- The back of the servery in the renovated building will have a wall. The thought is to photographically reproduce these signatures on the servery wall.
- Some members of the SDT felt that it is unnecessary to replicate the drama signatures.
- In the fall, the team will have to decide what should be reproduced. None of the artwork, with the exception of the Kaplan Murals, has been landmarked.

The schematic design drawings were delivered to the consultants today. Lease Crutcher Lewis and the Robinson Company are working on their estimates.

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 **July 9, 2004**; otherwise, the Minutes will stand as written.

The preceding Minutes were prepared by Kathryn Emtman, Project Manager.