



## **HISD Project Advisory Team Meeting**

### **Booker T. Washington High School**

**MEETING NO.:** 016

**LOCATION:** Booker T. Washington

**DATE/TIME:** July 10, 2014 / 4:00 pm

**ATTENDEES:** Amanda Goodie, KWAME, Asst Program Director; LaShonda Bilbo-Ervin, HISD, Principal; Sammy Dyer, BTW Alumni; Lorraine Gibbs, SDMC; Princess Jenkins, HISD, Facilities Planning; Matisia Hollingsworth, Construction Mgr.; Martin Laverne, Parent; Licia Green, FH/HP; Ed Schmidt, FH/HP, Architect; Geoff Bay, FH/HP, Architect; Christian Staples, KBR; Ben Mcmillan, BTW Alumni; Nakiyah Scott; HISD Intern, Evan Campbell, HISD Intern

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and receive an update on the building design for Booker T. Washington High School

#### **AGENDA**

- Student Mentor Program
- Receive an update on the front entrance
- Receive update on the floor plan
- Review and discuss building finishes presentation
- Discuss upcoming Community Meeting
- What to expect at the next PAT Meeting

#### **NOTES:**

##### **Discussion:**

1. Summer Mentor Program
  - a. Two of the Student Mentor program participants, Nakiya Scott and Evan Josey, introduced themselves and made a presentations of what they were doing and learning:
    - i. The students spent the last two weeks with the Kwame Building Group.
    - ii. The next two weeks will be spent with Fanning Howey – House Partners (FHHP).
2. Front Entrance Update
  - a. The architects presented the progress made on the design development and the construction documents for the building entrance.
  - b. They explained that they had taken the information offered by the PAT and the HISD project team. The intention has been to build on the elements of the past and continue to move forward with the design solution.
  - c. The basis for design was that:
    - i. The entrance needed to be identifiable
    - ii. The atrium needed to be “soaring” and allow a venue to display student / school projects
    - iii. The canopy, leading to the atrium, needed to be “elegant” and in keeping with the quality of the entrance element without competing for the attention
    - iv. The design needs to be maintainable and serviceable
  - d. The architect reminded the PAT of the progress in the past and built on those elements describing some of the stated concerns and the possible short comings.
  - e. Elements of the design progress were as follows:
    - i. Flatten the roof structure due to the fact that the curve would not be seen from eye level and the compound curve was going to be difficult to construct

- ii. Accentuate the corner column by pulling it in front of the glass and cladding it in a material (ie, Stainless steel) that will be grab attention
  - iii. Celebrate the “engineered” nature of the element by exposing the connections and bolts and cables (similar to examples seen by the PAT members that traveled with the team to Seattle).
  - iv. The entrance canopy would be light and transparent, made of glass, steel and cables
  - f. Members of the PAT offered the following observations:
    - i. The stainless steel column at the front entrance would create a more noticeable, prominent, dramatic and impressive entry.
    - ii. There should be lighting along the edge of the roof line as well as inside the building.
    - iii. The front entrance canopy, made of a flat glass roof, added to the clean look of the atrium but should be held up by more than 3 stainless steel elements.
    - iv. Principal Bilbo-Ervin shared that she felt the canopy was very masculine looking, very straight and sharp. She explained that this was an observation and was not good or bad. She liked the “softness” of the curve solution from before.
      - o HISD explained that the curved design caused their concern due to constructability and maintenance.
      - o The flat atrium roof will also allow for rain water to drain off properly.
    - v. Members of the PAT wanted to see the detailing of the atrium and canopy roofs to see how the “engineering / design” quality could be brought back into the solution
  - g. The Architect noted the expressed concerns and will work on addressing them by the next meeting:
    - i. Straight lines might be too harsh.
    - ii. The design needed to be elegant and exciting.
    - iii. The “feature columns” need to be softer and work with the overall design.
3. Floor Plan Update
- a. The Architect explained that they continued to refine the floor plans to address the minor remaining concerns raised by the school and HISD. They offered the following examples:
    - i. The neighborhood exiting paths to allow for a “U” shape to the plan
    - ii. There will be an academic courtyard at the end of the extension of each neighborhood corridor
    - iii. The roof will be extended at the end of each neighborhood to provide shade over the academic courtyards
    - iv. The Gymnasium was refined to allow for a slightly larger main gym area, providing some relief to the very long and straight façade on the east side of that building. This will also provide a better visual from the exterior
  - b. The plans were revised to add an Art Gallery Wall in the corridor from the main hall to the Visual & Performing Arts Classes
4. Building Finishes and Presentations:
- a. The Architect presented Scheme 1. This option included the following:
    - Neutrals:
      - o Light Gray – Magnetic Gray
      - o White – Ceiling Bright White
      - o Darker Gray – Granite Park
    - Accents: Blue – Georgian Bay
      - o Gold – Bakelite Gold
      - o Green – Antiquity
      - o Gray – Respata
  - b. The Architect presented Scheme 2. This option included the following:
    - Neutrals:
      - o Gray – Attitude Gray
      - o Blue – Tempe Stary
    - Accents:
      - o Gold – Restrained Gold
      - o Yellow – Sundance
      - o Orange – Outgoing Orange
  - c. The PAT stated their preference is for Scheme 1.

5. Community Meeting
  - a. The upcoming community meeting is scheduled for August 5th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
  - b. The agenda for the Community Meeting will include presentations from the interns, color options for the interior, updated floor plans, and an introduction from the Construction Manager at Risk.

**What to Expect at the Next PAT Meeting:**

1. The Architect will present updated entry renderings.

**NEXT PAT MEETING:** The next PAT meeting will be held on August 12, 2014 at 4:00pm.

Please review the meeting minutes and submit any changes or corrections to Amanda Goodie.

Sincerely,

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