



Minutes 2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting Austin High School

MEETING #: 18

LOCATION: Austin High School

DATE / TIME: March 10, 2016

ATTENDEES: (those marked with a check were present)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jorge Arredondo	Principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lydia Zamora	Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yadira Banuelos	Class President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Bennett	Alumni
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Covey Nash	Alumni	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Octavio Cantu	ERO Architects
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casiano Cruz	Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Johnson	Teacher, Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Degollado	Student	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Nelson	Alumni
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marsha Eckermann	Alumni	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Guerrero	Agricultural Teacher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Albert Wong	HISD Project Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan Bankhead	HISD – Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noelia Longoria	School Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clay Clayton	HISD – Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Angelita Henry	Parent/Alumni	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Princess Jenkins	HISD – Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tania Roman	Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nestor Martinez	Project Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacque Royce	Alumni	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Kerrissey	Teacher Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Smith	Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jorge Medina	Assistant Principal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eli Ochoa	ERO Architects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Guerrero	Principal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric Ford	HISD – Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kendrick Wright	HCISDFacilityDesign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ralph Hennie	Teacher, CTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vianey Nino	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tierra Harris	Parent/Alumni	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Janicek	Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	George Tracy	Alumni	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victor Trevino	Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alfonso Maldonado	Alumni	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Kiest	Teacher

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Project Advisory Team to update them on the latest Austin HS site/floor plan design layouts and studies of the new main entrance area.

AGENDA:

- Review and discuss proposed updates to the floor plan layouts.
- Review and discuss the latest updates to the proposed new main entrance area.
- Prepare for the upcoming Austin HS Second Community Meeting and confirm date.
- What to expect at the next PAT meeting.

DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. Cantu presented updates to the current floor plans for the new school and renovated areas. He presented some of the current proposed exterior building materials and finishes, especially around the front entrance area on Jefferson St. side of the new building additions.



2. Victor Trevino asked why Austin High School was being designed for what appeared to be a limited capacity of students when the school enrollment has actually increased in the recent years and continues to do so. Princess Jenkins explained that the Capacity Model for the school's Educational Specifications Program was based upon demographics studies that were performed on schools located throughout the District, as part of the preparations for the 2012 HISD Bond Program. Mr. Trevino replied that he believed that these future enrollment projection numbers were too low.
3. Mr. Trevino asked about the District's stance on the implementation of the much touted 21st Century Learning Environments and associated teaching approaches. He was not in agreement with the shared Teachers Planning workrooms. Instead, he prefers having the more traditional designated classrooms or homeroom areas instead. He asked if teachers would be assigned a dedicated classroom or would need to "float" between class periods. Ms. Jenkins responded that the teacher workrooms were provided to have a place to prepare for their classes when their classrooms were being shared with other teachers. This approach is being utilized by HISD to achieve a higher utilization ratio of each new classroom that is being constructed.
4. Mr. Trevino asked again why the original Dumble St. entrance was not being utilized as the main entrance into the new school facility. All of the factors that made the decision to move this entrance to the Jefferson St. side of the new additions were discussed. The reasons for this relocation, as described by Mr. Cantu, were the following: proximity to the existing student/teacher parking areas, the ability to incorporate all the required administration areas needed for the new school in one central location, the desire to provide separate traffic flows for the student pickup/drop off and bus areas, a visitors entrance and associated new parking area, security and visibility of this new main entrance.
5. Mr. Trevino asked why the square footage capacities of the designated Dining Commons (Cafeteria) and Learning Commons (Library) areas were distributed throughout the school and not concentrated in these areas, instead. It was explained by Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Cantu that this was the District's new learning model and environment that encourages more social and group interaction among students and faculty and that it is very similar to a typical college campus atmosphere.
6. After some general discussion about the possible school campuses that the Austin students and faculty might be relocated to during the upcoming construction activities on their current campus, Mark Kerrissey asked about the possibility of having a t-building campus installed across S. Lockwood Dr. on the newly annexed 8.56 acre parcel of land. Mr. Wong responded that this was briefly discussed with DivisionOne Construction Co.'s project manager, Brad Cheesman, and he had provided a very rough estimate of \$4.5M to \$5M for just leasing approximately 40 t-buildings, without the costs for installation and removal at the end of the construction. This also did not include costs for preparing the site to accommodate these temporary buildings, providing all the necessary plumbing and electrical utility hooks ups and any support buildings, such as cafeteria or band facilities.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

1. There were no additional questions that were recalled by the Architects.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1-1 Prepare for upcoming Austin HS Second Community Meeting tentatively set for April 20.

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However, this date was moved to May 10, 2016, due to flooding conditions throughout the Houston area and reset for May 10, 2016.

NEXT PAT MEETING: To Be Determined

Please review the meeting minutes and submit any changes or corrections to the author. After five (5) calendar days, the minutes will be assumed to be accurate.

Sincerely,

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