



**Meeting Minutes**

**The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts**

**MEETING NO.:** 008

**LOCATION:** The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

**DATE / TIME:** December 9, 2013, 3:30 pm

**ATTENDEES:** Robert Scott Allen, HSPVA Principal; Kimberly Hickson, Gensler; Barry Moore, Gensler; Michelle Neary, Gensler; Daniel Kornberg, Harrison Kornberg Architects; Robert Barrera, Jr., Rice & Gardner; Sue Robertson, HISD GM Facilities Planning; LaJuan Harris, HISD- Facilities Planning; Kedrick Wright, HISD Facilities Design; Larry Trout, HSPVA; Steve Hoyt, HISD Sr. PM; Lamelle Sartain; Travis Springfield; Pat Bonner, HSPVA; Alene Haehl, HSPVA Friends; Eileen Montgomery, HSPVA; Cyndy Ogden, Teacher; Oscar Perez, Patrick Peters, Parent; David Sheard, HSPVA; Judith Switek, HSPVA; Gretchen Van Deusen, Parent; D. Waddell, Teacher

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this meeting was to review site and first level plan refinements.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Presentation of site and first floor plan
- What to expect at the next Project Advisory Team Meeting
- Next PAT Meeting date: 1/13/14 3:30 pm

**NOTES:**

1. Dr. Scott, Principal, introduced Daniel Kornberg, Harrison Kornberg Architects. Mr. Kornberg presented the latest design developments to the PAT.
  - a. The design team is testing space components to efficiently and properly fit on the building site.
  - b. Developers adjacent to the building site have discussed orienting the lobby of their new building to face the front of the HSPVA site in anticipation of the schools arrival.
  - c. A site plan was presented showing three rows of busses stacking on site. The configuration was reviewed and approved with the transportation department. Dr. Scott commented that all busses scheduled for drop off and pick up at HSPVA have never been at the site at one time. This proposed plan will be refined further if needed.
  - d. The Denny Theatre was shown in the center of the building. This new location allows the exterior walls to be better utilized and allows more natural daylight into learning spaces.
  - e. The lower parking lot automobile path is being reviewed. The plan presented showed potential locations for vertical circulation and the location where the orchestra pit could impact the parking layout.
  - f. The vertical city concept is being integrated in the design. This concept allows free flowing of students and staff through the vertical levels. The grand staircase is an architectural feature that joins each level and allows this interaction.
  - g. A physical model of the Denny Theatre and other spaces were shown and displayed so the PAT could get a feel of the proportional size of the main spaces.
2. Questions were asked by the PAT and answered by the designers.
  - a. Busses will be stacked in three rows, bumper to bumper. How will students access their busses with this configuration?
    - i. Students will board their assigned busses from the three aisles next to the row of busses. This will mean walking around the end bus near the street.
  - b. Will walking around the bus near the street be safe?
    - i. A school crossing guard at each student drop off will be considered.
  - c. Egress stairs can be a blind spot for the teachers. How can this be addressed?
    - i. HSPVA school administration will discourage the use of the egress stairs for everyday use.
    - ii. The grand stair is planned to serve the commons and the upper floors.

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- d. How much parking will be available onsite?
  - i. HISD and the design team are working to address parking.
- e. Will the design team need to meet with the departments again?
  - i. The design team will continue to refine spaces with each HSPVA department.
- f. A zero curb line, as in Hotel Americas, will be considered. This concept will eliminate a curb at the street and allow a gradual transition for easier access.
- g. How many floors will the school have?
  - i. Four to five floors are being studied. Efforts are being made to accommodate the program into the least amount of floors.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1-01 Continue to refine spaces and site plan. (Gensler)

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** Next PAT meeting: January 13, 2014, 3:30 p.m.

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

Sincerely,

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