



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

MEETING #: 19

LOCATION: Jack Yates High School

DATE / TIME: February 19, 2015, 5:30PM

ATTENDEES: (those marked with a check were present)

	Ray Carrington II		Jonathan Howard		Rufus Browning	√	Marcus Bland		√	Wardell Ross
	Johnny O'Connor		Jennifer Topper	√	Amie Johnson		Tameka Jeffrey			Sandra Jenkins
	Victor Bailey		Carolyn Evans Shabazz		Quintero Lewis	√	Rennette Lucien			Derrick Sanders
√	Arva Howard		Deberah Brooks Joseph		Amber Wright		Amanda Goodie			Hammer Peters
	Carl Davis		Gerry Monroe		Murriel Larry	√	Ronald Roberts			Jonathan Moody
	Larry Blackmon		Michael Coleman		Francis Joseph		Leo Bobadilla			Mark Eden
	Roland Cotton		Kathy Thompson		Reggie Philips		Dan Bankhead			T.C Williams
	Iva Ward		Tina Coney	√	Donetrus Hill		Sue Robertson			Arnell Johnson
	Angela Wright-Brantley		Titus Bryant	√	Ray A. Gatlin		Matisia Hollingsworth			Rosalind Branch
√	Maurice Hobson		Michael Banson		Liz Phillippi		Gloria Barrera			Deveeta Porter
	Elke Henderson		Arthur Triplette		Cletus Johnson	√	Kedrick Wright			Unterius Larson
	Jacob Shields		Marier Flowers		Margo Hickman		Princess Jenkins			Dimitris Bell
	Valtino Hanna		Flossie Norman		LTC Sandra Thompson		Albert Ray			Christopher Williams
	Val Closuer		Cory Dixon		Terri Collins		Wally Huerta			Freddie Harris
	Brianna Spencer		Tanya Loft Holden	√	Velda Hunter		Ishita Shah			Tamara Brown



PURPOSE: Discussion will focus on the project timeline, exterior developments, and interior concepts.

AGENDA:

- Project Timeline
- Plan Developments
- Interior Concepts: Introduce public spaces: Healthy Eating and Learning Commons
- What to expect at the next PAT meeting
 - The next PAT meeting will be held on March 26th, 2015 at 5:30pm

DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. Wardell Ross presented the PowerPoint based on the comments made at the last PAT meeting.
 - a. **Agenda** – Reviewed briefly what will be talked about in the meeting.
 - b. **Project Timeline** – This will be shown every meeting to keep the PAT updated on the progress.
2. Special Note: March 19th is Spring Break so the meeting has been rescheduled to March 26th.
3. **Plan Developments Updates:**
 - a. Mr. Ross reviewed the Site view from the corner of Adair and Alabama street and the Site Plan both indicating the site access, site control points, circulation paths, and parking designations. Also mentioned where the adjustment to lions way as a vehicular path of travel only and Lions path as a pedestrian path of travel.
 - i. Question from Audience
 1. What is the number of parking spaces? Mr. Ross stated “Approximately 300 per discretion by the City of the Houston to approve a parking variance.
 2. Will the original lion be placed in front of the school? Mr. Ross stated “that the design team is looking at a location near Cleburne Street along Lions path.
 - b. Mr. Ross presented the Academic wing side of the floor plans. The secured vestibules where all Visitors must check into either the Administration or Security offices before being allowed to transition into the school, Emergency Egress stair locations, and transition paths where discussed. General placement of learning centers on the building perimeter and CTE's distributed throughout the academic wing.
 - i. Question from Audience
 1. What are the plans for sound-proofing along the spaces open to floor below in the Academic area? Mr. Ross stated that there were window walls planned that will help to control sound.
 2. How were you going to mitigate a possible issue of the curving walls limiting space usage? Mr. Ross stated that furniture layouts have been provided to insure that there is an adequate layout.
4. **Interior Concepts – Learning Commons (Library):**
 - a. Mr. Ross presented the Learning common areas on both the first and second floors indicating views from first floor up and through the second floor learning commons area and looking eastward out toward Adair Street from the second level.
 - i. Question from Audience
 1. How will the design team plan to manage safety and any nuisances that may arise in that area? Mr. Ross stated that this area would be need to be a controlled space and that the Vice Principal's offices would be about 100 ft away.



2. How many sq. feet are the external balconies? Mr. Ross stated that it was approximately 500 sq. ft or a little over. Note made by Mr. Ross was the External Balcony is on the 2nd floor only
 - a. Were there any thoughts to having a glass wall as an alternative to leaving the balcony open? Point was reiterated again by Mr. Ross that this space would need to be a controlled space. There could possibly be some tables out there; possible put locks on the 2 doors; Architects envisioning that the security/officers would be monitoring that area. Special note: in the event of an emergency, they wouldn't be able to access it.
3. Does this balcony area count against our square footage? Mr. Ross stated that the covered exterior space counts as half the square footage.
 - a. An audience member commented that an external stairway from balcony probably needs to be added. Mr. Ross agreed.

5. Interior Concepts - Healthy Eating:

- a. Mr. Ross presented Health Eating /distributed dining areas and explained the purpose and currently planned locations.
 - i. Question from audience
 1. Will Yates have a fully equipped Commercial Kitchen? This would help to promote healthy eating habits where the students can have some hands on experience. It could also possibly use as a classroom - make it more of a multi-purpose room. Teaching nutrition and promoting prevention. Answer by District (Not sure) - There will be a kitchen but not fully fledged. They will be using Aramark for more healthy selections.
 2. Will there be a central place to gather for Dining? Mr. Ross stated that there will be a cafeteria and other spaces for eating as well as areas outside of the cafeteria.

6. Miscellaneous

- a. Question from the audience
 - i. Will there be any tribute to Rev. Jack Yates - possible a bronze plaque? Mr. Ross stated that there design team is planning to honor Reverend Jack Yates in some manner most lily on the interior of the main lobby.
 - ii. What is the estimated date of completion? Mr. Ross stated that a May/June of 2017 with ground breaking in the 4th quarter of 2015.
 - iii. As construction starts, what part of the building will be demolished? Mr. Ross stated that the SOC will need to be demolished and the function will need to be relocated as well as the temporary buildings.
 - iv. Will there be a swimming pool? Mr. Ronald Roberts stated that HISD said that they are not sure as this time.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:

1. **Public Space** – We will look inside of it.
2. **Phasing & Migration** – need to have a clear understanding of how the school will be built. Based on where it is going, there will be a partial demolition. Look into how some of the spaces will be reconfigured, then build the building and then demolish the rest of it.

NEXT PAT MEETING: Thursday, March 26, 2015 5:30pm, Jack Yates High School Library

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

After five (5) days, the minutes will be assumed to be accurate.

Sincerely,

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