

Minutes 2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting Pilgrim Academy

MEETING #: 15

LOCATION: Pilgrim Academy K-8 Principal's Conference Room

DATE / TIME: November 11, 2015 @ 4:00 pm **ATTENDEES:** (those marked with a check were present)

✓	Diana Castillo	Principal	✓	Edna Chible	Parent
✓	Andrew Casler	Dean of Students	✓	Carrie Flores	Asst. Principal
✓	Jim Teater	Community	✓	David Funk	SSO
✓	Tom Davies	Teacher	✓	Eric Ford	HISD
✓	Logan Faron	Teacher		Romerico Romero	Teacher
✓	Stennis Lenoir	RDC Architects	✓	Albert Wong	HISD

Purpose: Review the proposed design revisions to RDC Architects' Schematic Design submittal to HISD.

AGENDA:

- Review & discuss proposed revisions to the Pilgrim Academy Schematic Design documents submitted to HISD.
- Review & discuss updates to the exterior elevation studies for building materials.
- · What to expect at the next PAT Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- 1. The PAT Meeting began with a general discussion on the Pilgrim Academy current construction cost estimate updates. It was apparent that the construction budget does not allow for additional classrooms, given the current Pilgrim Academy Program and based upon the recently developed cost estimates by the RDC Architects and Heery Program Management Team cost estimators.
- 2. There are some proposed reductions in certain areas that will be required, due to the estimated construction cost overages. Stennis Lenoir presented the latest floor plan layout updates. He mentioned that the current floor plans are, essentially, the same but just tightened up a bit in certain areas. The previously proposed renovations to the Music and Art Rooms will no longer be required to widen the existing Multi-Purpose area for the new Gymnasium. The Science Garden porch area has been reduced and the corridor connection from the existing main building will be shortened but will still accommodate the three future classrooms, if additional funding is made available.
- 3. Mr. Lenoir mentioned reducing some of the proposed exterior building materials, such as brick, to metal panels and other features as a means to keep the construction costs down. The new addition's north corridor wall might be changed to metal panels, instead, since this is the area where the new classrooms might be added in the future. Any previous proposed curtainwall might be changed to storefront glazing, instead. The proposed extension of the existing terrazzo flooring will be reduced or eliminated and



replaced with stained, sealed and polished concrete flooring. The Principal and PAT were in favor of this as a potential cost savings item.

- 4. When discussion began on the Gymnasium renovation/addition area and the proposed reduction in square footage, Mr. Lenoir presented a revised basketball layout, with a 42' X 74' sized court, which was based upon what he believed was an appropriate middle school sized court. However, HISD Facilities Planning PM, David Funk, indicated that all middle school basketball courts should be the same as a regulation sized, high school court (50' X 84'). According to Mr. Funk, HISD will not sign off on a court smaller than a high school regulation sized basketball court for all the current HISD middle school programs. There was some conflicting information about the minimum aisle widths on the sides and ends of this larger basketball court that was later confirmed with HISD Athletics to be 3 ft. minimum. If the existing Art and Music Classroom walls have to be moved, this will adversely affect the already tight budget.
- 5. The PAT was concerned about the adequacy of their current athletic programs, with the number of classrooms for the middle school grades. Mr. Wong asked about whether the COH Spark Parks Program had been contacted and Tom Davies replied affirmatively. The Spark Park Program has many requirements, in addition to being community based. There were some concerns about regular maintenance and safety, along with any lease agreement that would have to be developed with the HISD Real Estate Dept. but the PAT seemed to be willing to resolve these concerns.
- 6. In closing, Mr. Wong indicated that the HISD Facilities Design and Programming departments would determine what the final requirements would be for the gymnasium area.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

1-1 There were no additional questions.

ACTION ITEMS:

1-01 Provide updated requirements for the minimum sized basketball court in the new Gymnasium area. Mr. Wong was able to confirm with HISD Facilities Planning and Athletics that a high school regulation sized basketball court with minimum 3 ft. overruns on the sidelines and ends of the court would be acceptable and can be accommodated in the reduced size gym area that RDC Architects presented to the PAT.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:

1. Review further updates on the Schematic Design drawings and concepts.

NEXT PAT MEETING: Tuesday, December 1, 2015; 3:30 pm; Pilgrim Academy Principal's Conf. Rm.

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

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