

meeting notes



DATE: January 17, 2019
TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
PROJECT: Fircrest Community Pool and Community Center
SUBJECT: Pool and Community center design
ATTENDEES: Steering Committee:

Andreas Schonger
Andrew Imholt
Amy Hackett
Blake Surina
Bonney Blair
Bonnie Viafore
Brett Wittner
Brian Ribolt
Charelene Laymon
David Viafore
Greg Vigoran
Hunter George
Jamie Nitsh
Jeff Grover
Joe Barrentine
Julie Ryan
Karen Reynolds
Kate Owens
Leslie Rider
Marth Waiters
Mary Ruth Pape
Rick Price
Sarah Viafore
Scott Pingel
Shannon Reynolds

Other:
Derrick Eberle / BDA
Emily Wheeler / ARC
Matthew Philbrook / ARC
Stan Lokting / ARC
John Garrison / ARC

MINUTE TAKER: Stan Lokting

Scott presented updated bond issue information, Derrick / Bruce Dees Associates presented the refined site design and plant palette ideas, and Matthew / ARC presented exterior views of the community center, bathhouse and pool

Bond Information

- Scott presented two options for one ballot measure, with a total \$13.5 M for both bond phases.
- Option 1: \$8.5 M 2019 bonds, \$5.0 M 2022 bonds, monthly tax increase \$22.67.
- Option 2: \$6.75 M 2019 bonds, \$6.75 M 2022 bonds, monthly tax increase \$22.33.

Site Design

- Path at Park Perimeter. Derrick presented the idea of a path around the park perimeter to provide a place to view park activities while walking the site and to help keep folks from crossing paths with cars using the parking lot
 - The idea was of interest but it was noted that this takes away from the goal of maximizing park grass area
 - There was discussion about whether a path should be curved (Olmstead-like) or linear as shown (matching the geometry of the building)
 - The cost of the pathway was of concern. It was noted that a line item cost could be determined of the path.
 - It was noted that people could walk between the pool and community center to avoid issues with cars.
 - More study needed, no conclusion about whether to keep the path or not
- Stairs at Park
 - Stairs provide access the park and sitting areas to watch park activities. It was decided to include a combined seating / stair design at both stair locations
 - There was concern with the number of stair risers and the height of plaza areas above the park. People need to bae save and guardrails should be avoided.
 - Related was access to the bathhouse for people in wheelchairs or walkers. There is a sloped walkway that gets people there but it seemed long and a bit distant
 - There was a question about drainage of the lawn area east of the stairs at the community center. BDA and ARC to discuss this with the civil engineer. It was noted that there is an underdrainage system at the park.
- Parking
 - ADA parking exceeds code but it was noted that there are a significant number of community center patrons that use fitness programs for people with limited mobility.
 - ARC noted that it might be possible to increase the number of full-sized spaces but that the number of parking spaces cannot be reduced.
- Plant Selection and Palette
 - The planting plan ideas were presented and met with general approval – groves of trees, planting beds, raingarden, plaza areas, transitions from sidewalk and parking to the building.
 - Trees near the pool need to selected so that slabs and the swimming pool are not affected by root systems
 - Picnic area(s) needs to be near the pool for parties. Derrick noted that site furniture has not yet been selected, and that it will address this need.
 - Derrick presented 2 plant palettes: Option 1 had lavender, white and purple colors; Option 2 had oranges and reds. Option 2 seemed preferred – more color and interest. People liked the Madrone trees in this option.
- Fence at Pool
 - Manufactured fence options were presented, a couple with vertical pickets, another that could become a “green wall” which provided plants along Contra Costa and, maybe, at the fence toward the community center.
 - For security reasons, the fence needs to be at least 8’ tall.

- There was discussion about using black chainlink in lieu of the pickets. There may be fence options that are similar to chainlink that look more appropriate for a new public building.
- The pool fence at Kandle Park is black, vertical pickets and about 8' high. It was thought by some to be a good precedent
- Other
 - Design team to consider skateboard deterrents.

Building Design

- Concessions
 - For clarity, the concession area is not a commercial kitchen, but it has a sink, space for refrigerator and/or freezer, power for portable food service equipment, and countertops.
 - Direct access from the concessions to the party room was discussed, to keep people from having to go outside to get food. There is a counter top at the party room for serving of food and drinks, which helps minimize this issue.
- Restrooms
 - There are park activities that require access to more than the two toilets at the bathhouse. There was discussion about direct access to the community center toilets. It was noted that signage and staff can direct folks to the toilets and Jeff noted that the community center is typically open during these large park events.
- Color Palette
 - Two options were presented – one with wood-like siding, another with a blue-gray theme.
 - The wood-like siding was preferred. The committee did not want a “gray” building given the number of gray days in the region.
 - The committee wants to see wood-like options that are light, medium and dark in the tone. They also wanted to see more color to add interest. They did not need to see these before the public meeting.
- Other
 - The “Fitness” room should be called “Small Multi-Purpose.” Remove the yoga mats from this room. Due to the size of the current Yoga class, it may be in the gym.
 - Provide fans at the gym, to help with cooling
 - ARC noted that we are continuing to keep photovoltaic panels at the community center but that the budget does not allow for geo-thermal.

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