



FACILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 12, 2008

A meeting of the Facilities Review Committee was held on *Wednesday, March 12, 2008*, at 3:00 p.m. in room RS-5.

Call to Order

Dr. Bonnie Dowd called the meeting to order at 3:07 P.M.

Roll Call

Members Present: Cindy Anfinson, Jayne Conway, Bonnie Ann Dowd, Kelley Hudson-MacIsaac, Pulkit Kanotra, JoAnne Lesser, Karen Mifflin, Chris Miller, Ken Swift and Jose Vargas

Members Absent: Mike Ellis, Pulkit Kanotra, Rick Sanchez, Mark Vernoy

Ex-Officio Member Absent: Don Thompson

Guests: Phyllis Laderman

A. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of February 27, 2008, were unanimously approved (MSC: Miller/Hudson-MacIsaac) and will be posted on the Palomar web page as follows: <http://www.palomar.edu/committees.htm>

B. **Action Items/Second Reading**

1. **Proposed Changes to Facilities: LL-115**

Bonnie requested that the agenda item be postponed as a funding source has not yet been identified. It was agreed by consensus that when a source becomes available, the item will be placed back on the agenda.

2. **Change to FRC Meeting Days Requested by Instruction**

Bonnie indicated that a request had been received from VP Cuaron to change the FRC meeting dates to avoid competing with IPC and Curriculum committees, both of which meet on Wednesdays. Discussion ensued. An Action Motion was made (MSC: Swift/Anfinson) to change the meetings to the second and fourth Thursdays, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in RS-5, and was unanimously approved. The meeting dates for the remainder of the Spring semester are April 10th, April 24th, and May 8th.

C. **Discussion/Information Items**

1. **Project Updates**

Kelley Hudson-MacIsaac reported that the Test Fit Plan 2 for the modular buildings has been approved by SPC. The buildings will be in place by the beginning of the Fall semester to accommodate classes and services affected by demolition of the LS, CH, ES quad and S buildings.

Kelley also reported that the kick-off meeting with the architects for the new IT Building Project was a big success. She commented that the firm worked very well with the group and appears to be a good fit.

Bonnie reported that the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) for the Fallbrook campus could have been certified at the December Governing Board meeting, but she recommended to the Board that it not certify until agreement is reached with the County of San Diego and CalTrans related to the methodology used to determine traffic impact. Palomar's formula differs from the traditional K-12 model because FTES (full-time equivalent) data was used in the study rather than average daily trips. The County and CalTrans were concerned because it is likely that Palomar's EIR will be precedent-setting when other community colleges conduct an EIR. As a result, the College felt it prudent to have the County and CalTrans on board with the methodology used to determine traffic impact in Palomar's EIR to avoid any issues when the District applies for permits with each agency. The County suggested that Palomar conduct a traffic study at the Escondido center and that the results be used to project traffic impact at the future Fallbrook center.

Bonnie also reported that a Traffic Study for the San Marcos campus EIR is currently being conducted by PBSJ (firm conducting that study). The results will provide comparative data for the study recently conducted at Escondido center.

On March 11, 2008, a presentation was made to the Governing Board by Carrier Johnson, architects for the Health Sciences Building, which is the next building to be erected on the master plan. DSA intake is scheduled to take place at the end of April, with demolition starting June 1, 2008.

2. **Natural Science Building Dedication Plaque**

Kelley volunteered to follow-up with LPA (the district architect) regarding what information is customary on a dedication plaque. Specifically, to find out if the names of the current Governing Board are customarily on such a plaque and if there are any ADA requirements, such as the names in Braille, etc., that must be adhered to. For continuity, the plaque for the Natural Science Building will be the model for all new buildings erected on campus, so it's important to have standardization.

3. Energy and Standardization Policy Working Group

This item will be held over for the next meeting so Mike Ellis can present information and identify volunteers for the working group.

4. HBET Timber-Frame Move

It was decided by the group to have a section in the agenda called “Old Business” to avoid having agenda items on the agenda when there is no current action to be taken. It was approved by consensus to move this agenda item to that section for future meetings.

5. Private Development West Side of Campus

Kelley shared with the committee that a development company is proposing to develop three buildings comprised of a stand-alone supermarket, a retail “strip mall”, and a “food-court” behind the gas station on the corner of Mission Road and Las Posas. This land is privately owned by the Developer; however, they contacted the college and are requesting access to the proposed development off of Comet Circle via construction of a new street. In preliminary discussions, it was suggested that if the Developer submits their required EIR to the City of San Marcos, a mitigating measure will likely be the installation of a traffic signal. It is also highly likely that when Palomar’s EIR is submitted to the City, we will be required to install a traffic signal to mitigate traffic impact at this location. Bonnie stated that it is hoped that if the District provides the “right of way” to the Developer through Comet Circle, that the Developer would pay for the installation of the traffic signal resulting in significantly reduced costs for the College. Additionally, the costs associated with redeveloping Comet Circle and providing left-hand turn capabilities onto Mission Road (another likely mitigation measure) could be shared by the developer as they install their access road. Kelley indicated that another benefit to the College would be that when the Performing Arts Center development is completed, the new street provides another entrance to the venue. She will be working closely with the City on this issue.

A different Developer is looking to build a commercial project in the area directly to the west of the gas station. This may be an additional opportunity for the college to benefit at significantly lower costs. Kelley is engaging in preliminary talks with the developer and more information will follow as it becomes available.

D. First Reading

N/A

E. Other Items

1. Bonnie shared with the group that Jay Shultz, Chair for the Art Department, is withdrawing his request for a Japanese Garden project due to several issues including the impact of planned construction, determining how the garden would “fit” into the existing plan, lack of seating for students and determining if the project would be ADA compliant. When the Department is ready to proceed with their plan, they will advise FRC and the item will be placed back on the agenda.
2. Jayne Conway reported on behalf of Student Services Planning Council that concern has been raised about impact on parking as a result of the placement of modular buildings in parking lot 2. A request was made that a “marketing plan” to communicate the impact be on-going on the part of the Facilities Department. Another issue raised by the council was the need for the bridge overpass from the Sprinter to the main entrance. Kelley and Bonnie responded that plans to build such a bridge fall under the City of San Marcos.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Next Meeting, Thursday, April 10, 2008
3:00 P.M. - RS-5