

Berkeley Unified School District

FACILITIES PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of June 21, 2012

Members Present: Stephanie Allan Susi Marzuola Eric Weaver
Carl Bridgers Nicolie Bolster-Ott Allen Nudel David Goldin

Staff Present: Lew Jones, Director of Facilities
Chanita Stevenson, Administrative Coordinator

Members of the Public: Roy Meisner Richard Boyden Brad Johnson Miguel Dwin

1. *Call to Order:* A tour of the Berkeley High School Stadium Building took place before the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.
2. *Approval of Meeting Minutes:* The following changes were made to the minutes:
 - The first sentence of Item 7 has been changed to, “*The District has received a donation where some of the funds will be used for a Community Theater Stage Program and partially fund a Technical Theater Manager.*”

Secretary Weaver moved to approve the minutes as amended and Member Bolster – Ott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. *Public Comments*
 - A member of the public discussed a seven point document distributed to the Committee which discussed the option of having a feasibility study to change the 6 lane track to an 8 lane track and a possible change to the new visitor stands to improve the visibility of the game from the rows 1-5 visitor section.
 - Another member of the public added to the information and discussed how a Drake track design could possibly work. If this design would not work, he would propose 36” lane track versus the 42” lane track that currently exists, even though it would not meet current standards but would allow for an 8 lane track. He is concerned the placement of the new visitor bleachers would close off this possibility of making a change to the track.
4. *Staff Report*
 - **BHS Stadium:** The building is almost ready for beneficial occupancy. The elevator inspector has added a requirement that fire alarm devices be added to the elevator. Punchlist is expected to be completed by the end of this month or early next month. Co-Chair Allan wanted to know about adding railings at the top of the seating and also asked about enclosing plumbing on the second floor. This will be a change order and staff will explore these ideas. We are currently waiting for the laundry room estimate.

- **Other BHS Projects:** Retrofit on the G&C Bridge has started. The re-roofing of G & A Buildings and painting and flooring project at G building has begun. The BCT Follow-On project will begin soon.
- **BHS Phase II and III:** Hazardous Materials have been removed. Originally, demolition was to begin today, but was delayed because the abatement of a steam tunnel. Demolition will begin the next week.
- **West Campus:** This project is still struggling. The intent is still to move in late summer.
- **Derby Field:** This project was awarded last night and also was renamed Moellering Field.
- **Rosa Parks Solar:** The District received a PGE Grant and is working with SunPower. The DSA submittal is almost ready. On June 27th, Staff is recommending that the Board approve a futility resolution to supplement the project.
- **Response to Comments on the BHS Track:** Staff stated that there was a lot of discussion regarding how many lanes the track should be. Staff also noted that the Community was very interested in the height of the visitors bleachers and it was a part of the District's Environmental Impact Report. Staff stated that he would not advocate asking an architect to change the bleachers. The addition of lanes could be discussed when the track is resurfaced with Maintenance Funds. The Committee asked the following questions:

- a. Secretary Weaver asked when was this issue discussed and when was it decided to go with a 6 lane track versus an 8 lane track?

Staff responded that it was done in 1995 when the lighting and AstroTurf was installed.

The site wanted the current configuration at the time and it was cost prohibitive to keep the 42" lanes and make the track 8 lanes. The cost was quite expensive.

- b. Secretary Weaver also posed a question to members of the public why is this issue coming up now instead of 2 years ago?

A member of the public responded that this came from discussions at Berkeley Athletic Fund meetings and there are new members within the last two years. He stated that he believes that this issue may be worth taking a look given the new changed bleacher configuration.

- c. Member Bridgers commented that he believes that it would not work but until someone actually takes a look it may work.
- d. Member Goldin stated that he would have a problem with utilizing bond funds to replace something that is perfectly fine to replace it with something else. He also believes that it could be a \$5M project. He also stated that installation of the bleachers would not prevent a project being done in the future. The demolition of the current track and changing the systems would make it a very large project.
- e. Co-Chair Marzoula asked Staff if he knew the costs of the small bleachers?

Staff responded that he does not know the value of the bleachers but he could easily find out.

The Committee consensus is:

- a. Figure out the perimeter of the 3 different configurations (8 - 42" lanes at 400M, 8 - 36" lanes at 400M, the Drake Design)
- b. Member Goldin was going to ask Verde Design to take the dimensions and show how it would change pro bono.
- c. Show the costs of the small bleachers and how much it would cost to move them.
- d. Staff should also provide information on costs regarding the old field construction.

5. *Action: Letter to the Board regarding Jefferson Concerns*

The Committee stated that there appears to be a breakdown in communication between the Jefferson school site administration and the concerned members. The Committee stated that their responsibility is to make sure that Bond funds are spent properly. Co-Chair Allan, Member Bridgers, and Member Goldin will draft a response to the letter to send to the concerned members and the Board.

6. *Monthly Report from Audit/Project Tracking Committee*

- There were no meetings held. Co-Chair Marzoula noted that it would be good to add to the Facilities Plan Update for some of the larger projects the date of the key public document defining the project.

7. *Schedule Next Meeting:*

The next meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- July – Turner Construction Discussion of Alternative Project Delivery Options
- August – West Campus Tour and Presentation (Tentative)
- September – Discussion with the Auditor (Tentative)

8. *Adjournment.* The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.