

Jefferson Elementary Expansion and Modernization Project Comments addressed from the March 22nd Community Meeting

Considering Crowden is a year round program, how will the project address noise issues during construction? Recently the Architects and Construction Manager have been in contact with the Crowden School of Music. They met with the school administrators and toured the school. This communication will aid the team in identifying ways to mitigate the effects of construction noise and dust on Crowden.

Does the design take into consideration the sound transmission within the new buildings?

Yes, the new buildings will meet all of the current sound transmission requirements.

Where will the additional staff park? In the same locations as the current staff park.

Will the cafeteria add lunch shifts to accommodate the additional student population? No, the school's current lunch schedule has ample capacity to accommodate additional students without adding another lunch shift.

Does the multipurpose building have sufficient capacity?

The after school program currently takes up a significant portion of the multipurpose room. The expansion project will alleviate some of the space constraints in the multipurpose room by reallocating existing spaces for the afterschool program.

Where will the material laydown areas be placed during construction? The project team will begin reviewing the site logistics during the current design development phase. The team will also provide a mock up layout of the proposed construction areas with tape in September.

Who is the contact for the project? Project Manager: Mauricio Davila, Turner Construction (madavila@tcco.com), BUSD: Chanita Stevenson, 510-644-6066

Is the design final? We are currently in the design development phase. At this stage, we expect revisions to be made.

Will there be changes made to the pick up and drop off locations? The project team will review the current configuration and investigate additional locations.

Can the look of the new classroom building be "softened"? Can the design incorporate more of an aesthetic towards the yard? During the next phases of the design we will explore design options that can respond to that question.

How will the project address dust and noise during construction? The safety and well being of the students, staff and community is the ultimate priority to the District, project team and the contractor. As standard on all projects, the contractor will be required to adhere to strict procedures in order to ensure the health and safety for all. These would include daily clean up, safety barriers, plastic containment setups, dust mitigation (e.g. watering down soil to minimize

dust), and scheduling specific “dusty” or “noisy” activities during school breaks (summer, winter, etc.). In addition, the design will incorporate the use of specific construction materials to reduce and minimize potential environmental impacts, such as low VOC paints and adhesives, etc.

Is a playground renovation included as part of this project? No, the playground will be addressed in a future project.

Will the project team meet with Crowden to address their concerns? Recently the Architects and Construction Manager have been in contact with the Crowden School of Music. They met with the school administrators and toured the school. This communication will aid the team in identifying ways to mitigate the effects of construction noise and dust on Crowden.

Is there a new restroom on the second floor of the new classroom wing? Yes, we have added a restroom and converted a staff restroom to a student restroom.

How long will the construction take? Approximately 15 months.

How will the design address the North East area behind the new classroom building? Will the stairs be removed? Can a garden be incorporated here? Currently the plan is to remove the existing stair and work with the school site to landscape the area. A garden is under consideration for a portion of the area.

What are the construction hours? Construction hours will follow the City of Berkeley’s Noise Ordinance.

Will seismic safety be incorporated into the project? The new additions will meet all of the current seismic requirements.

Was Franklin considered as an alternate location for expansion? Franklin is the location of our Adult School, an important part of our district. Sharing a site with adults and elementary students does not see wise.

Will the leaky windows be fixed as part of this project? The project team will evaluate the leaks for possible remedies.

Will there be additional opportunities for input from the community? The project team will schedule another community meeting in mid-may to take additional comments.

Can light penetrate through the new building to Crowden? Light will not penetrate through the building to Crowden, but there is enough space between the buildings for ample light to penetrate to Crowden.

Has the soil been sampled for hazardous material? Based on historical data, hazardous soil is

not expected. The project will address any potential hazardous soils through appropriate procedures if needed.

Can the Acton entry be widened? We are providing the maximum amount of space at the Acton entry.

Has a design team been selected for the playground project? Not at this time.

Is it possible to incorporate the addition into the existing main building? The team had originally looked at the possibility of a third floor to avoid impact to the play yard. There were two potential strategies. One was to add a floor to the 'knuckle' piece on the corner of Acton st. and Ada st. To add the needed four new classrooms the design would have to incorporate two additional stories on top of the already two-story administration and library. Adding these floors would dwarf the surrounding community and current school. There was also a cost concern of incorporating a new elevator to reach all the floors. Since this seemed infeasible the team then looked at the second possibility of adding the four new classroom spaces on the existing building. This kind of heavy addition to the 1950's building would legally impose the need to structurally upgrade the entire building, posing a massive increase in budget. Therefore it was decided to go through the design options presented in the September portion of the timeline.

Additional comments:

Comment describing the new library building as looming

There was a positive comment on the new entrance to the school.

There was a request for notes from previous meetings

There was a request to make the construction process a learning opportunity for the students.

There was a request for additional communication to the community.

There was a request to come up with ideas for the future playground project early.

There was a positive comment about the new office/library building stating it was an "improvement to the streetscape."

There was a request to incorporate the exterior in the design.

There was a comment stating the "new corner building is fantastic and inspirational."

There was a comment stating "we are excited about the new library building."

There was a comment stating the design has the "perfect/optimal placement for the new classroom building"

There was a positive comment appreciating the inclusion of modernization scope in the project.

There was a request to add the Ada Street email list to the communication distribution.

There was a comment stating "the staff is excited about the project."

There was a comment stating the "design is beautiful."

There was a comment stating that the interior of the existing building creates a positive

experience.

There was a request for providing more context for the meetings in relation to the overall process.

A suggestion was made for the agenda of the next community meeting:

☐ Garden

☐ Space between Auditorium and new office

☐ Interior corner, view out to play yard

☐ Look of the new classroom wing

There was a request for a city council member to attend the next community meeting

There was a request to incorporate energy and performance into the design of the of the new classroom building and channel it toward the play yard.

A community member felt that the project incorporated a sustainable design

There was a comment stating that the new library brings positive energy to the children.

There was a request to investigate sound baffled to reduce noise during construction.