

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE II – PLANNING AND FACILITIES

TUESDAY, 2010 June 22

Committee Report to the Board Monday, 2010 July 05

The Committee met to discuss the following items:

A1. Kitsilano Secondary School Renewal Plan

M. Dale, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, introduced G. Symmons of CitySpaces Consulting and M. Ehman of DA Architects who developed the school renewal consultation process and design concepts. They referred to a PowerPoint presentation that summarized their work on the three concepts and their recommendations regarding the renewal of Kitsilano Secondary School.

The planning team recommended Concept D2 as the preferred development option for the following reasons:

- o Meets Planning Principles;
- o A 21st Century Learning Environment is achieved;
- o Strong relationship between the school, the open space and largest school in the 3 concepts;
- o Integration of the gym within the school, less visual impact on Larch Street;
- o Daylight and outdoor space connection into the commons area;
- o The relationship of the library to the commons and direct access to natural light;
- o The potential of community spaces and their relationship to Kitsilano Community Centre;
- o The retention of the 1927 Block's key heritage elements;
- o Good relationship between new academic wing and open space;
- o No portables are required during construction; and
- o The concept has a defensible cost.

The next steps would be to finalize a Project Agreement on a preferred concept with the Province and work with the City on any outstanding issues.

This item was received for information.

A2 Renewal Plan Survey Results

M. Dale introduced A. DiPaula of NRG Research Group who was commissioned to conduct an independent public opinion survey to supplement feedback received during the consultation process. The intent of the survey was to measure community awareness of the school renewal plan, level of support for design concepts and heritage value and attitudes regarding the use of portable classrooms. A PowerPoint presentation was shown that summarized the key findings of the phone survey. A. DiPaula highlighted the following points:

- o Strong support for heritage value and retention;
- o Little support for demolishing the school;
- o General awareness that the school was on the Heritage Registry;
- o Heritage value could be retained if internal space is not devoted to traditional academic programs;
- o Taking portables out of Concept A2 would increase support for it;
- o A substantial percentage of those surveyed continued to rate heritage preservation important even with increased costs.

This item was received for information.

B1-23 Delegations

The following delegates, with the exception of Upper Kitsilano Residents Association (#11) and Heritage Vancouver (#12) who did not attend the meeting, presented their views regarding the *Kitsilano Secondary School Renewal Plan* dated. Written briefs were provided by most of the delegations and will be retained for the Board's records. M. Rankin provided a brief PowerPoint presentation and L. Bengé distributed his submission at the meeting.

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| 1. | James Burton | Kitsilano PAC |
| 2. | Celeste Barnes-Crouse / Dune Desormeaux Deacon Jones | Kitsilano Student Council Reps. |
| 3. | Michael Rankin | Resident |
| 4. | Thomas Winkler | Kitsilano Parent |
| 5. | Phillip Edgcumbe | Kitsilano Alumni |
| 6. | Sean McEwen | Kitsilano Alumni |
| 7. | Tim Pezarro | Point Grey Soccer Club |
| 8. | Linda Light | West Kitsilano Residents Association |
| 9. | Larry Bengé | Resident |
| 10. | Giovanna Bombino / Julie Bond | Kitsilano Seismic Planning Team – Teacher Reps |
| 11. | TBA | Upper Kitsilano Residents Association |
| 12. | Janet Leduc | Heritage Vancouver |
| 13. | Christine Shields | Parent (J. Quesnel) |
| 14. | Randy Sharp | Parent |
| 15. | Lynn Sackville | Parent |
| 16. | Andrew Larigakis | Parent |
| 17. | Tracy Monk / Nathan Lusignan | Families for School Seismic Safety (FSSS) |
| 18. | Jean Gordon | Kitsilano School Planning Team |
| 19. | Leigh Merchant | Resident |
| 20. | Anne DeWolfe | Resident and parent |
| 21. | Cathy Goodban | Parent |
| 22. | Chris Atkinson | Kitsilano Principal |
| 23. | Anne Trudel | Resident (not attending meeting - submission only) |

Specific presentations from delegates were provided to Committee II members. In general, comments from the delegates included the following points:

- o General support for both Concepts A2 and D2, but little support for Concept F;
- o Concept D2 would provide the largest school facility, Concept F would provide a much smaller facility;
- o Wide hallways should be retained as they are well used by the students;
- o Students request for full-sized lockers;
- o Support of the L shape design incorporated in Concept D2 as it is less confusing for new students;
- o Support eliminating surface parking in favor of underground parking;
- o Although there is some support for retaining tennis courts, the site plan should be developed to meet the academic needs of school programs;
- o Strong support for all classrooms and rooms to have windows with natural light;
- o Some concern about how the survey information was interpreted;
- o A suggestions that community groups, such as established residents associations, be included in consultation process at an early stage;
- o Heritage preservation is very important, both Concepts A2 and D2 retain the 1927 building;
- o Satisfaction with the consultation process;
- o Student disruption is a key planning issue;
- o VSB should develop a district-wide plan for swing spaces during the process of seismic upgrading and renewal of schools;
- o Teachers support Concept D2 because it meets all the requirements and needs of a 21st Century Learning environment;
- o No dust! No Noise! No portables!;
- o Unfortunate that the cost of retaining heritage is not included in the decision criteria for Ministry of Education staff;
- o One concept not suggested was to pursue a land swap with Park Board and explore other creative options;
- o Proposed field size is perfect for eight-a-side community soccer and should be designed for school's PE program;

- o J. Quesnel parents support Concept D2 because it minimizes disruption, specifically no portables, while retaining heritage;
- o Heritage also includes the legacy events and activities that the staff and students have shared, the school building is simply the venue;
- o Park Board should provide for community recreation, such as tennis courts;
- o Favor less disruption to students;
- o Portables are reusable and costs should be shared across other school projects in the upgrading program;
- o Important to have a professional theatre;
- o Concerns with underground parking access on Larch Street, it should be pedestrian focused;
- o Concern with noise from shops and academic wing/art classes;
- o Need a decision based on scientific analysis;
- o Survey allowed for another avenue of neighbourhood engagement and inclusive;
- o Not enough difference between Concepts A2 and D2 to warrant the massive disruption associated with Concept A2;
- o Don't want short term implementation decisions to affect long term design decisions;
- o 21st Century learning is not open-concept;
- o Critical issue is student safety;
- o Relocating 90% of the classes into temporary spaces would destroy a sense of school and ability to connect and comfort; and
- o Portables will fragment the school and destroy school spirit.

The Chairperson thanked the delegates for their presentations and reminded attendees that the recommendation will go to the Board on Monday, 2010 July 05.

C1 Kitsilano Secondary School Renewal Plan

M. Dale referred to the memorandum entitled "*Kitsilano Secondary School Renewal Plan*". He reported that the Kitsilano Steering Committee concluded that Concept D2 would deliver the following project objectives more effectively than Concept A2 for the following reasons:

- o Ensure a safe and secure school facility;
- o Improve the health and well being of the entire school community;
- o Plan for implementation and fiscal viability; and
- o Plan to minimize phasing and construction time.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Trustees confirm Kitsilano Secondary Renewal Concept D2 as the preferred development option and authorize staff to complete a project definition report requesting Ministry of Education finalization of a capital project funding agreement.

D1. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 2010 June 29 at 1730 hours.

Allan Wong, Chairperson

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| Committee II Members Present: | Carol Gibson, Ken Clement |
| Other Trustees Present: | Patti Bacchus, Allen Blakey, Mike Lombardi, Ken Denike, Jane Bouey |
| District Management Present: | Steve Cardwell, Lynn Green, Brenda Ng, Mark Dale |
| Association Representatives Present: | Shaun van der Hoop, VSTA Glenn Vockeroth, VESTA Mark Pearmain, VASSA Julianne Doctor, DPAC Denis Polishchuk, DSC |