

Lexington Site Committee Meeting
February 4, 2010 4:00 PM

In attendance: Lauren Honda, Kathy Ordner, Claudia Heuser, David Maglaty, Melinda Lum, Kim Gardner, Geri Markey, Ryan Kennedy, Erik Anslinger, David Freed, Kathryn White, Patricia Vaden, Wayne Huck, Rick Kramer, Michelle Strachan.

David Freed welcomed everyone and passed around the sign in sheet.

Melinda stated that we would start with David Maglaty's preliminary exterior plan elevations and model, then we would do some questions and answers and then follow with some imagery discussion.

David Maglaty discussed the basic elements of architectural design. He said the buildings need to provide comfort and shelter for the people inside. Furnaces need to work, etc. The buildings need to be constructible, durable and maintainable. They also must meet the budget. We're constantly making decisions about making materials meet all three of these criteria.

The buildings need to be appropriately scaled to the intended purpose. We are keeping the spaces welcoming, friendly and not too tall that they get in the way of the views. We need to utilize current design and construction technology. We are building the character for the 21st century. We respond to and support the program functions. This goes along with providing comfort and shelter.

We respond to the site and environmental conditions and looking for ways to shade the window with overhangs and to orient the buildings to take advantage of the best day-lighting opportunities.

We evolve organically, not so much about ideology or image, but about looking at all the requirements and letting the building fall in place organically.

Colors should be in harmony with the site and it should be a source of pride for the community. It is the right way to approach design.

David showed a model he built to illustrate how the site could look. He put models at 1"=8' scale onto a site drawing. He had use of clerestories and skylights to maximize day-lighting. There were a lot of windows to maximize views especially in the multipurpose building. Motorized roller shades could be used to black out or reduce natural light for stage productions. The material is woven mesh with different levels of transparency.

On the front doors are we going to add shades to block out light, asked Ryan. Design of shades and blinds will come later in the design process. Other discussion on windows and lighting followed. David Freed said the multi purpose room is used for many purposes so tables are important to have in place.

David passed around some samples of roofing materials and window mullions so the committee could get a sense of what the materials could be. He also talked about the use of wood and stucco on the exterior to make the buildings fit into the community better. He showed a drawing of what the campus could look like with wood siding.

Wood siding adds to the 21st century look and also respects the environment and is efficient in terms of maintenance and cost. It can be serviceable and elegant and last for many years. That is our goal.

We will continue to push forward and look at the library building and push forward on more detail. We still need to talk to Meehleis Modular about structure and, as it evolves, we will bring back more information.

Melinda talked a little about how the stairs would look at the two-story classroom building and library building.

David Freed asked if we can add anti-graffiti paint to the exterior of the building. The architects said that we could. Two of the downtown schools have been tagged in the last week so we want to make sure our paint is graffiti resistant.

Questions were asked about the ability of the materials to meet the weather conditions specific to this area. The architects stated that they are taking them into consideration for design.

David Freed asked about lighting controls and Melinda said that is an item on the sustainability control list and the district and architects will consider that as they decide what can fit into the budget.

Questions were asked about heating and air conditioning controls and whether teachers will have control over the temperatures in their rooms and the lighting as well.

Imagery Discussion

Imagery boards were placed around the room for the group to look at and comment about. Everyone picked out the imagery effects that they liked. David Freed said maybe thought could be given to landscaping that leads to the admin area. Some thought needs to be given to play structures as well.

Lauren asked about seating around the play structures. Would Lexington get to buy another play structure or keep the ones they currently have? What could they look like?

Everyone liked the wood siding and a couple of committee members said they would like to see masonry and then wood on 2nd floor.

David Freed said he is still looking for something IB or global in the exterior design as well.

We'd like to find an artist in the community who would be generous with their time to help us with some art work, stated David.

We want all our buildings to look like they all fit together said one committee member.

Next meeting: community meetings are being planned for the week of the 22nd. The 22nd will focus on Lexington and is at Redwood Pavilion and starts at 6:00 PM. The one for Fisher is at Fisher Middle School's library and starts at 6:00 PM on the 25th.

The site committee meeting on the 25th will be at 4:00 PM and we maintain the March 18th meeting at 6:00 PM. This could be our last meeting said Melinda but we should keep a placeholder on our calendars on the 25th of March for 6:00 PM.

Patricia Vaden showed some slides from the fifth graders that illustrated the country feel and what is valued at Lexington by the students. There were a lot of beautiful pictures.

Respectfully submitted,

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