Cubberley Community Advisory Committee (CCAC)

Action Notes

Meeting # 7

August 22, 2012
Cubberley Community Center
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303
Room H-1
6:00 - 8:00 PM

1. Welcome and call to order

2. Oral communications

3. Approval of the August 8 meeting action notes
   • Approved

4. Introduction and Q & A with CCAC architect John Northway
   • Northway talked about the importance of understanding the problem first and working on the solution only after the problem is thoroughly understood
   • Northway explained that if this ever goes to a bond measure being able to clearly explain what the problem is, what the solution should be, and why will be very important
   • Northway wants the subcommittees to bring back what their “problem” is to the next meeting to start forming a picture of the larger problem
   • Northway said to focus on Cubberley and not to worry too much about the larger problems of the City since the CCAC was asked to limit their recommendations to the site

5. City of Palo Alto and PAUSD Capital Budget Presentation
   • Phil Bobel of the City of Palo Alto Public Works Department presented a Power Point on the capital budget (SEE ATTACHED)
   • Bobel explained the background of the Infrastructure Blue Ribbon Commission (IBRC) recommendations and the subsequent Council discussion of those recommendations
   • He explained how Cubberley is and isn’t accounted for currently in the budget planning process.
   • Bobel explained that up-keep of Cubberley in a limited manner is included in the budget process but not funding for long-term rebuilding.
Bobel explained that most of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) expenditures in slide 8 of the attached Power Point are in the next ten years even though it reflects a 25 year horizon.

Bobel noted that he believes the cost estimates for maintaining the facility over the next 25 years is thin beyond 10 years and would likely need additional funding.

Bob of the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) presented a Power Point on the PAUSD capital budget (SEE ATTACHED).

Golton presented on the status of current capital projects under way and the funds allocated for them.

Golton said that voter approved bond funds for PAUSD use have already been allocated to the individual school sites even if the projects have not yet been identified.

Approximately $33 M of funds have been reserved for construction to accommodate PAUSD growth.

6. Review of the discussion at the August 21 PAUSD Board meeting of the Cubberley related Board enclosure:

Mandy Lowell explained that the PAUSD is interested in looking for a fourth middle school site that could or could not be at Cubberley (SEE ATTACHED POWER POINT).

A big issue is that PAUSD wants flexibility and the City (and some of the community) wants certainty.

The City and PAUSD are also at different phases of their bond interests.

Question: Is there an impediment to building a City only facility on the City's 8 acres?

A major part of the problem is the lack of clarity.

7. Discussion of the CCAC Final Report schedule and timeline:

Deputy City Manager Steve Emslie reported out on the status of the Cubberley Policy Advisory Committee (CPAC) timeline.

Emslie said that the CPAC wants the CCAC input in part to decide if Cubberley should be included in a city bond measure for infrastructure needs.

Emslie reported that the CCAC Final Report must be done by February 28, 2012.

The CPAC is interested in the foreseeable school uses, community uses, range of priorities, and joint use scenarios at Cubberley.

Frustrations about the timeline of the process were expressed again by CCAC members.
8. Future meetings
   a. Discussion of expected future subcommittee reports
   • Emslie mentioned that the CCAC Co-Chairs would like one or two subcommittees presenting updates at each meeting

9. Adjournment