Cubberley Community Advisory Committee (CCAC)

Action Notes

Meeting # 13

November 14, 2012
Cubberley Community Center
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303
Room H-1
5:30-7:30 PM

1. Welcome and call to order

2. Oral communications
   • Lisa Hendrickson from Avenidas spoke on behalf of a number of health and wellness groups who provide services in the community and their desire to build a state-of-the-art community center on the Cubberley site
   • An unidentified member of Good Neighbor Montessori spoke in support of keeping a Montessori at the Cubberley site

3. Approval of the October 30 meeting action notes
   • Approved

4. Debrief of the Cubberley Community Forum
   • Deputy City Manager Steve Emslie gave an update on what happened at the forum
   • CCAC member Sheri Furman said the CCAC would need a future community forum to discuss site options
   • CCAC Co-Chair Mike Cobb said the CCAC needs at least one follow-up forum that both presents site options and reaches out to a broader audience
   • CCAC member Rachel Samoff said that non-residents using the Cubberley site is not a bad thing
   • CCAC member Penny Ellson said she wished that possibilities of the site were presented at the forum in terms of what can be done with that amount of acreage
   • CCAC member Jennifer Hetterly said that she wished the forum had been a little more thought provoking
5. Further discussion of the October 17 breakout group brainstorming on Cubberley short-term scenarios

- CCAC Co-Chair Mandy Lowell asked people to discuss the October 17 breakout group conclusions but also brought up the medium and long-term scenarios so people were aware of what some of the proposals are
- Samoff mentioned a decision making process where the City and PAUSD work on the long-term solution during the short-term while also having a discussion about how they will share maintenance costs
- CCAC member Susan Bailey said the Finance Committee has discussed recalculating the annual lease payments to align with the Utility Users Tax revenue trend rather than the Consumer Price Index trend and because the current lease includes things having to do with Palo Alto Community Childcare (PACC) increase the amount of space leased to PACC on elementary school sites and increase their lease payments
- Furman said that if there is another five year lease there needs to be an agreed upon design use, CCAC member Brian Carilli agreed
- Carilli again advocated joint use with the City maintaining a major presence at the site
- Lowell said the scenarios indicate what was discussed not what will be decided upon
- Bailey asked if the PAUSD can get beyond its statements that it needs the whole site and discuss joint-use or if they will be hung up on that
- Carilli said that both the City and PAUSD work for the citizens and this citizen advisory committee should say joint-use must work
- Cobb mentioned that some services might not have a home if joint-use occurs and what can be kept at Cubberley and what can’t should be studied
- The topic came up that an assessment of what is at Cubberley still has not been finalized but a report has been put together that’s a jumping off point for a larger community needs assessment
- It was concluded that more information is needed about what is at Cubberley such as who the renters are including long-term hourly users
- CCAC member Bern Beecham said he thought the long-term site needs at Cubberley are too uncertain at this time to create a plan for site redevelopment nor does the CCAC have the information necessary to raise the political support for such an undertaking
- It was requested that at the next CCAC meeting a presentation is done by Rob De Geus of Community Services on what is currently at Cubberley
- Beecham said that until one of these buildings is taken down we do not need more space because we have enough space and on top of that Foothill Community College is leaving meaning the site meaning 20% more space will soon be available for lease to new renters
- Beecham asked to outline a process by which the community can evaluate its community service needs
• Hetterley asked to have all conclusions for the five-year scenario listed together

6. Outline of the medium-term and long-term potential Cubberley site scenarios and requested input
• The following five medium and long-term scenarios were discussed...
  1. Cubberley used for a comprehensive high school in the future using all 35 acres.
  2. Cubberley used for a non-comprehensive high school in the future using no more than 27 acres.
  3. City retains 8 acres (possibly in a different location on the site than currently assigned) and the PAUSD retains 27 acres with each determining their respective uses.
  4. The entire Cubberley site becomes a joint use facility.
  5. No decision about a high school is made and there is no high school use on the site for a 20-25 year time period.
• CCAC member Jerry August asked to change number two from “non-comprehensive high school” to “high school use”
• Lowell said that staff will be sending out a CCAC briefing book before Thanksgiving break containing further information on what each of the subcommittees has concluded and information discussing pros and cons of each of the five scenarios
• CCAC member Ken Allen said we should change from reactive to proactive in our process

7. Future meetings

8. Adjournment