Cubberley Community Advisory Committee (CCAC)

Action Notes

Meeting # 20

February 13, 2013
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
   • None

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

4. Update and discussion on the February 7, 2013 CPAC meeting
   • Co-Chair Mike Cobb conveyed the message that he felt he received from Mayor Scharff that the CCAC’s recommendations don’t seem to be specific enough
   • School Needs Subcommittee Chair Bern Beecham brought up the concern that some members of the CPAC expressed that the CCAC’s current recommendations seem to be “kicking the can down the road”
   • Finance Subcommittee Chair Lanie Wheeler conveyed that the three City Council members of the CPAC expressed some concern that the CCAC was not making a recommendation of what the City should do with their eight acres on its own in the event that joint-use doesn’t work out
   • Co-Chair Mandy Lowell conveyed that the CPAC might need clarification on the term joint-use and what is meant by that.
     o Does the CCAC really mean integrated use or do they mean joint-use?
   • Beecham also conveyed the message that some members of the CPAC want to use citizen volunteers and not consultants to do the next round of work the CCAC is recommending
     o Cobb noted that because of this the CCAC needs to make the case for what professionals bring to the table

5. Presentation and discussion of the Facilities Subcommittee and School Needs Subcommittee draft final reports
Beecham started by going through the draft School Needs Subcommittee final report. Beecham noted his group did not try to dispute the projections of the PAUSD demographer. Beecham noted the uncertainty surrounding ABAG and how it could impact both school enrollment and the overall City population. Beecham reiterated the main drivers of enrollment increases are the economy and housing growth along with the sustained quality of the PAUSD schools. As long as those stay somewhat stable over time the projections are fine for the most part.

Beecham is happy to take input on how he can clarify any recommendations the School Needs Subcommittee is making and why. Facilities Subcommittee Chair Jennifer Hetterly then went through the draft Facilities Subcommittee final report.

The CCAC went over again the issues that have arisen with joint-use and the implications they have related to future facilities and a joint-use master plan. CCAC decided not to make changes to the report as drafted and keep the recommendations general in nature as they currently are.

CCAC member Brian Carilli reminded the CCAC that five years is a long time in a lot of instances but not in long term, joint-use planning such as this.

6. Presentation and discussion of what is meant by joint-use
   - CCAC clarified that their vision is for true joint-use of the buildings with PAUSD and the rest of the community using the same buildings at different times.
   - Deputy City Manager Steve Emslie reiterated the comments he had heard about people being concerned with the general public using buildings with school students so what joint-use specifically means needs to be clarified.

7. Discussion of next steps and the final report review process
   - Joint City Council/PAUSD forum where the CCAC will present their findings will be scheduled for early to mid-March.
     - The final report will be distributed one week in advance.

8. Future meetings
   - Next meeting: Wednesday, February 20

9. Adjournment