HISTORIC RESOURCE BOARD OF PALO ALTO
CASTILLEJA SCHOOL
1310 BRYANT STREET
JULY 6th, 2022
EXISTING

PROPOSED
GUNN FAMILY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING - 1910

- The building is the only remaining original campus building
- Listed as Category 3 Building on the City’s Historic Inventory
- Building designed in the Craftsman style and features overhanging eaves, Craftsman style windows, side gables sheathed in shingles
- Building is a 2 story administrative building, clad is pebble dash stucco at the first floor and wood shingles at the second
Chapel Theater - 1926

- Listed as Category 3 Building on the City's Historic Inventory
- Building designed in the Craftsman style and features overhanging eaves, Craftsman style windows, side gables sheathed in shingles.
- Building is a 2 story building clad in wood shingles.
- Originally designed as a stand-alone building, but connected to the Gunn Administrative building in 2000.

View looking towards Gunn and Chapel original entrances
Rhoades Hall - 1967
- 2 story poured in place concrete classroom building.
- Building is clad in brick veneer under the first story windows, then clad in stucco with vertical concrete elements.
- Building's main entry is facing Bryant Street.

View of Rhoades Hall from the Circle
Gunn and Chapel Renovation - 2000

Gunn renovation scope included complete reconfiguration of the interior, reconfiguration of the entrance, replacement of all windows, removal of building from foundation for basement addition, added trellis arbor, connection of Gunn building to Chapel, connection of Gunn Building to Rhoades Hall.

Chapel Theater renovation scope included removal of building from foundation for a basement addition, replacement of balcony, and reconfiguration of the entrance on Bryant Street.
Proposed Modifications

- Demolition of Rhoades Hall per an approved preservation protection plan to assure no damage to the Gunn Building during the demolition phase.
- New Building pulled away from the face of Gunn Building.
- New Exterior Stair to maintain egress from Second floor of Gunn Building.
FENCE & GATE AT BRYANT ST.

PROPOSED GATE ELEVATION, BRYANT ST

PROPOSED GATE PLAN, BRYANT ST

EXISTING FENCE/GATES
THE GUNN ADMINISTRATIVE AND CHAPEL THEATER BUILDING

COMPARISON OF OPTIONS

OPTION 1
1.) DESIGN APPROACH IS TO CONTRAST AND COMPLEMENT THE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER OF HISTORIC GUNN BUILDING
2.) STAIR DESIGN PRESENTS A “LIGHT” AND “QUIET” ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENT
3.) STAIR DESIGN USES COLOR AND MATERIAL TO BRIDGE BETWEEN THE NEW CAMPUS BUILDINGS AND THE HISTORIC GUNN BUILDING
4.) LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND CAMPUS GATEWAY ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE BASE OF THE STAIR.

OPTION 2
1.) DESIGN APPROACH IS TO DIRECTLY REFERENCE THE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER OF THE HISTORIC GUNN BUILDING
2.) STAIR DESIGN PRESENTS A MORE ROBUST AND PROMINENT ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENT
3.) STAIR DESIGN USES MATERIAL, FORM, AND COLOR TO MORE DIRECTLY REFERENCE THE HISTORIC GUNN BUILDING
4.) LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND CAMPUS GATEWAY ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE BASE OF THE STAIR.
CASTILLEJA SCHOOL - STAIR OPTION 1

ADMIN BUILDING - EAST ELEVATION RECLAD AND NEW EXIT STAIR - OPTION 1

EXISTING WOOD SHINGLES
EXISTING PEBBLE TEXTURE PLASTER
EXISTING RHOADES BUILDING RAILING
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PROPOSED NEW BUILDING PICKET RAILING

SEPTEMBER 24th, 2020
3/16” = 1'-0”
CASTILLEJA SCHOOL - STAIR OPTION 2

ADMIN BUILDING - FIRST FLOOR NEW EXIT STAIR - OPTION 2

EXISTING WOOD SHINGLES
EXISTING PEBBLE TEXTURE PLASTER
EXISTING CHAPEL THEATER WINDOWS
EXISTING PERIMETER FENCE AND BRICK PLASTER
EXISTING CHAPEL THEATER EXIT STAIR AND DOORS

ADMIN BUILDING - EAST ELEVATION RECLAD AND NEW EXIT STAIR - OPTION 2

EXISTING CHAPEL THEATER WINDOWS
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PROPOSED FACADE OPTIONS FOR
SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW
CASTILLEJA SCHOOL - NEW FACADE OPTION 1A

DETAILS:
- 3X PAINTED WD FRAMED OPENINGS W/ 1X PAINTED WD INNER TRIM

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EXISTING PEbble TEXTURE PLASTER
EXISTING RHOADES BUILDING RAILING
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2. 10" RADIUS CORNERS AT GUARDRAILS
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3. CONCRETE PLANTER @ LANDING

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CASTILLEJA SCHOOL - NEW FACADE OPTION 3

DETAILS:
3X PAINTED WD FRAMED OPENINGS W/ 1X PAINTED WD INNER TRIM

SUMMARY:
1. CONTRASTING ASYMMETRICAL PUNCHED WINDOWS W/ OPERABLE LITES
2. WD STILE + RAIL DOOR
3. LIGHT GRAY PAINTED GUARDRAIL TO MATCH NEW BLDG
4. PAINTED ALUM PLATE CLAD PLANTER @ LANDING

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CASTILLEJA SCHOOL - SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

- The Gunn Family Administration Building and the Elizabeth Hughes Chapel Theater are listed on the Palo Alto Historic Inventory as **Category 3, Contributing Buildings** as good local examples of an architectural style and for relating to the character of a neighborhood.

- All campus buildings and structures over 45 years old were reviewed for potential historic significance. No additional properties were found eligible for individual listing on the California Register or the Palo Alto inventory.

- Even though the campus still conveys its original site plan on the basic level, it lacks sufficient integrity to constitute a historic district.

- 1235 and 1263 Emerson Street residences were not found eligible for listing as historic resources on the local inventory or on the California Register.