

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
Newark Campus – Room NC1100

Minutes of Facilities Committee
August 23, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gari Browning, President/Superintendent
Mike Calegari, V.P., Administrative Services
Jim Wright, V.P., Academic Affairs
Ron Travenick, V.P., Student Services
Leta Stagnaro, A.V.P., Newark Center
Joanne Schultz, Building 1: Floors 1 & 2
Elva Duval, Building 1: Floors 1 & 2
Kathy Sparling, Building 1: Floors 3 & 4
Bruce Griffin, Building 4: Art/GE – IT Staff
Rick Arellano, Hyman Hall: Floor 1, CS
Bob Bradshaw, Hyman Hall: Floor 2, English/ESL, Math, GE
Chris Warden, Building 9
Lucky Lofton, Building 10
Kelly Abad, Administrative Services (minutes)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Walt Birkedahl, Building 2: Music/GE
Tim Roberts, Building 2: Music GE
Darren Bardell, Building 3: GE
David Wood, Hyman Hall: Floor 2, English/ESL, Math, GE
Carmen Madden, Hyman Hall: Floor 2, English/ESL, Math, GE
Fred Alim, Smith Center: Theater/Dance, Broadcasting
Ron Quinta, Building 8 and Hyman Hall Floor 1

GUESTS: Don Eichelberger, Stegeman & Kastner (Measure A)
Casey Michaelis, Gilbane (Measure G)
Ann Kennedy, Gilbane (Measure G)
Dustin Notarianni, Gilbane (Measure G)
Kevin Kirk, Staff
Arti Damani, Staff
Irene Benevidez, Staff
K.G. Greenstein, Staff
Leslie Buehler, Dean

MEETING: Lucky Lofton opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

SCHEDULED ITEM

1. Fremont Parking Lot Options

Lucky Lofton, Interim Executive Director of Facilities, presented pictures of the campus before construction started for the Chemistry Modular Project. He also showed a graphic displaying the new parking lot near the Chemistry Modular Project. The brand new lot has 37 spaces available. The question is what should the designation be for this lot.

Steve Osawa, Chief of Campus Security, recommends that the District use the lot for staff parking and open up lot B for students. In between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., lot B is only half-full. After 5 p.m., when student are allowed to park in lot B, the parking lot is full. There is concern with using the new lot for students because it poses a traffic flow problem. Students will go all the way up the hill to find parking and then have to go back down if the new lot is full. Another suggestion would be to add a stop sign at Key B to reduce cruising.

Q: Could lot A be used to get the community closer to the Smith Center during events?

A: This approval would be done on a case by case basis with the decision being made by Dr. Browning.

Steve mentioned there is a need to control parking. His recommendation could be a trial solution to evaluate what would work best.

Q: Could the new lot be a paid lot with a day permit only?

A: The biggest challenge to make the new lot a paid lot would be traffic flow. Also, adding a permit machine would be a big investment.

Q: Is the new parking lot tight and hard to maneuver?

A: There is enough room to get in the parking spot and out, but not much room for two way traffic.

Q: How do we handle drop offs?

A: Drop offs will come back to this side of campus. So Keys A & B can be the drop offs. We could put a "no drop-off" sign to reduce the number of people driving through the parking lot. Citations will also help to deter people from dropping off in the staff parking lots.

Q: If lot A is opened up for students, there are traffic flow and safety concerns. How can we mitigate the concern?

A: The District could lower the speed limit and post them in the area. The sharp grade does pose a safety concern for foot traffic.

Campus culture has already accepted lot A as a staff lot. B is more advantageous to students, but for ASOC, peer mentors and student workers, the privilege of parking in lot B goes away if everyone can do it. Solutions could be to add ASOC parking spaces in Lot A and maybe it is extended to student workers. The District should be cautious of any interim solution because students can become too comfortable with that decision.

The facilities committee's recommendation is to make the new lot staff parking only. Lot A should be left as staff parking. Lot B will be open to students. The group did not vote on this recommendation. Dr. Browning will take the information gathered and make a decision.

Lucky Lofton concluded the meeting at 9:36 p.m.