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Alameda USD Master Planning

Alameda High School-Master Planning Committee Meeting #2

Attendees:

Raymond Keck, Project Manager, QKA
Mark Quattrocchi, Principal, QKA
Also see sign in sheet attached

Distribution:

Via District Website

Master Planning – Alameda High School:

➤ General Discussion

- Assessment report overview
- Demographic report being updated
- Communications
- Community forum at completion of site meetings
- Alameda High School Campus
 - Preference was voiced by some for restoration of Historic AHS, and the demolition of modern AHS buildings
 - Concern voiced regarding ability to provide 21st education facilities in Historic AHS; quality of facilities should be considered when weighing options
 - Potential costs of infrastructure, structural system upgrades to be a factor in comparing renovation versus new facilities
 - Deficiencies of Modern AHS were discussed, including small classroom size, lack of windows in some spaces
 - Consider repurposing Modern AHS as district offices or adult education
 - QKA to develop space comparison between historic and modern buildings to determine whether HAHS could accommodate required spaces

- The group discussed potential combining of high schools versus maintaining both Encinal HS and AHS; both options are to be studied
- Noted that the lower floor of the West wing has experienced flooding issues
- The District is studying feasibility of installing solar photovoltaic systems for power generation

1. Needed improvements and/or new facilities:

a. Offsite improvements - safe routes to school

- Jay walking, particularly on Walnut street, poses safety risk
- Consider shifting driveway off main east-west corridor at Walnut Street and creating a crosswalk in line with pedestrian pathway / Alameda Avenue

b. Site Improvements:

- Parking just meets staff needs, would not be adequate if programs are added at HAHS
- Substantial existing bicycle parking exists, locked during school hours
- Special Ed vans cause congestion on Encinal Avenue due to lack of defined loading zones; only a single accessible zone is marked
- Consider creating a defined central quad, north-south pedestrian plaza linking AHS and the Historic High School, with green areas, outdoor stage and learning spaces
 - Relocate dining services to the existing shop wing as a café /student union with outdoor seating and connection to outdoor spaces
 - Provide seating clusters, greenery, outdoor performance
 - Envisions Commons as core of the campus
 - This may include removing portions of the previous locker room connected to the gymnasium to create a strong connection.

Security:

- Multiple entries to campus make securing the campus problematic
- Entrances on Oak Street and Central Avenue are remote from Administration, preventing supervision
- Consider fencing at remote areas with gates locked during school hours; this is somewhat complicated by the fact that some student start at 1st period, some at 2nd, and dismissal times vary
- Any new fencing at Historic Alameda High School should be appropriate to its historic architecture
- Security cameras were discussed with generally positive response
- Administration office located interior, making supervision of main entrance problematic

- Consider relocating Administrative office spaces to the southeast (Encinal Avenue) side of building
- Relocate Health Center to former Home Economics space, currently housing Special Education
- Relocate Special Education to adjacent ground floor space
- Locate Vice Principal offices at northeast, adjacent to Administration, to provide views of the quad
- Career Counseling to west of Library / Media Center

Athletic facilities / Pool complex:

- Existing pools may not meet current health/safety requirements
- Existing Gym suffers from acoustic issues
- Consider moving weight room to old girls gym proximate to gym – frees up space for Café and has better adjacency to the gym
- Could athletic facilities be located on the roof of AHS? Mark indicated that doing so would be difficult structurally and expensive
- Consider demolishing tennis courts, pools, and a portion of AHS building to allow for a new stadium with football and track
 - Aquatic center, baseball, tennis, and softball would move to Thompson Field
 - Stadium lights may be an issue with neighboring residents

Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 3:30pm