



MELROSE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION - PLANNING PHASE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During this meeting, the project team noted that the reduced budget now directs remaining funds to the Maxwell Park Campus, and participants learned about past and future work on the Sherman Campus. Participants also discussed project options and emphasized some of the carbon reduction benefits.

BUDGET

Due to its comparatively better condition, the project team informed attendees of the necessity to eliminate the overall project budget for the Sherman Campus upgrades. The discussion highlighted the inflation-induced rise in project costs and emphasized the critical need for budget reduction.

The total budget for the project is \$36.5M. A notable allocation of \$2M was dedicated to constructing an ADA-compliant ramp from the upper yard to the lower yard, enhancing accessibility. The construction budget itself is set at \$22.2M, with an additional \$12.3M earmarked for mandatory soft costs. This portion of the soft cost budget encompasses various essential elements such as professional contracts, permits, and inspections, ensuring the comprehensive success and compliance of the project.

SHERMAN CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Sherman Campus received recent improvements like painting, lighting, and restroom replacements. Upcoming enhancements include new play structures and sport courts, as a result from a collaboration with Kaboom!, the Eat Learn Play Foundation, and the OUSD Facilities Planning & Management Department. Additional upgrades involve installation of additional FloWater systems for the cafeteria, heat mitigation for classrooms, and various building improvements.

PROJECT OPTIONS

In the session, participants were introduced to three project options addressing MLA's need for middle school facilities. The options, geared toward upgrades, include:

- **Option 1:** Modernizing the existing structure
- **Option 2:** Constructing a new classroom building
- **Option 3:** Building a new multipurpose facility

As part of the presentation, participants were informed about the carbon reduction benefits associated with choosing an option featuring a new structure, which aligns with OUSD's Climate Resolution Initiative.

NEXT STEPS

- October 5, 2023: Community Input Session. Participants will engage in discussions regarding the Spending Plan Revision for the MLA project budget.
- October 12, 2023: Community Input Session. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the three proposed project options. This interactive session will allow participants to have their questions addressed directly by the architects, fostering a collaborative and informed decision-making process.
- November 13, 2023: MLA Staff Meeting. The meeting will focus on presenting and reviewing options for the Maxwell Park Campus. HKIT Architects will lead in ensuring that teachers and staff gain a better understanding of proposed plans.

NEXT STEPS CONTINUED...

- November 15, 2023: Student Visit to HKIT Architects. A chaperoned group of students from the Youth vs. Apocalypse group visit the selected architectural company to review HVAC options and their different cost implications.
- November 28, 2023: Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. Members will discuss poll data from surveys conducted with parents, students, teachers, and community members. PAC members will weigh in on their final recommendation.
- November 30, 2023: The Facilities Planning & Management Department will make a final decision based on the processed feedback. Following this decision, the team will follow up with the site and public to communicate the chosen project scope. This marks the closeout planning phase.

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