

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**Operations Board Subcommittee Meeting**

**February 25, 2021**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Virtual – Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 1:30 p.m. by Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Committee Chairperson

**PRESENT:** Tom Hunt, Board President, Kathy Allavie, Board Member, and Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent, Operations.

Also present were Anazele Gonzalez, Director, Planning and Development; Gaby Adame, Assistant Director, Planning and Development; Eric Walker, Assistant Director, Planning and Development; Rene Castro, Assistant Director, Planning and Development; Annette Raspudic, Principal, Lake Mathews Elementary School; Lari Nelson, Principal, Adams Elementary School; Amanda Chann, Principal, Earhart Middle School; Jennifer Brown, Principal; John Tibbels, Assistant Principal, Ramona High School; Adam Bauer, Consultant, Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates; Mrunal Shah, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger, and Nora Lopez, (Recorder).

**Public Input**

There were no requests to speak to the subcommittee members.

**Call meeting to Order**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Tom Hunt moved and Mrs. Kathy Allavie seconded to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting minutes, as presented.

**2. Community Facilities District No. 38 Formation**

Financial Advisor Adam Bauer, Fieldman Rolapp & Associates, and Bond Counsel, Mrunal Shah, reviewed the purpose of the CFD No. 38 and the formation process with the subcommittee. The following was highlighted:

- The CDF No. 38 will finance facilities to be owned in part by RUSD
- Process and timeline to form CFD No. 38
- Map of CFD No. 38 and Boundary Schools – Location: Lurin Ave.
- Projected Development, Developer, and parties involved

After the subcommittee asked questions and provided feedback in relation to the process and purpose of the formation of CFD No. 38, it was recommended that this item move forward to an upcoming regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting for Board approval.

### **3. Proposed School Murals**

Staff provided a presentation on the proposed murals to be painted on several schools for approval. Rendering and information for the proposed murals were presented for the following schools:

- Amelia Earhart Middle School: Principal, Amanda Chann provided information and presented a rendering on the proposed window film graphic
- John Adams Elementary School: Principal Lari Nelson, provided information and purpose for the proposed mural for the site's main building, and shared that this will be paid from donations
- Lake Mathews Elementary School: Principal, Annette Raspudic, provided information that defines the proposed mural's objective and shared the rendering for the painting on the inside of the MPR
- Victoria Elementary School: Principal, Jennifer Brown, shared that the proposed mural will be painted on the school site's ball wall area

The subcommittee provided input about the proposed murals for each of the schools, including purpose and idea for each of the murals, and recommended that staff proceed with the process to paint the murals on each of the schools.

### **4. Riverside Polytechnic High School Bear Statue**

Principal, Darel Hansen, Polytechnic High School provided a presentation regarding his request to add a Poly Bear Statue to the campus, and highlighted the following:

- Overview of a comparison between a Concrete Statue and a Bronze Statue
- Information on the pros and cons for each statue option in regards to cost, weight, and maintenance
- Funding for this proposed project will be paid through sponsorships/fundraising

The subcommittee discussed the pros and cons between both options, as well as the funding options, and provided feedback based on the information presented. Mr. San Martin noted that the Construction Manager would need to be involved in this type of project to ensure ADA Compliance.

In addition, Mr. Hunt highlighted some of the differences and recommended that the bronze statue option is the most suited, and explained that the statue would be best positioned on a podium and not on the ground. Mrs. Allavie agreed and expressed that it is a good idea that other schools have this type of opportunity as well for equity purposes.

After the committee discussed the proposed statues and provided input, it was recommended that staff proceed exploring fundraising opportunities, as well as begin to work with staff on the design and placement/layout of the proposed bronze statue.

### **5. Ramona High School and Martin Luther King High School Turf Replacement**

Mr. Mueller provided a presentation on the proposed field design options for the replacement turf fields to be installed at Ramona High School and Martin Luther King High School and reviewed the following:

- Comparison of the current and proposed field design options: safer turf, provides head injury prevention, heat transmission is reduced

- Overview of Project Budget and Funding: Ramona \$1,126,700 / King \$1,122,800
- Review of Timeline/Schedule

Mr. San Martin added that this item was presented at an Operation's Board Subcommittee meeting about a year ago and at that time, this item was approved to move forward.

The subcommittee discussed the new turf options, including safety and a more comfortable turf for athletes, as well as ideas for funding to be able to push this project up.

After the subcommittee asked questions and provided feedback, including input from Principal, Mike West and Principal, Victor Cisneros, it was recommended that this project be pushed up due to safety concerns, and that staff explore ideas on how to provide funding for the installation of the new turf fields. Once funding has been determined, it will be presented at a Board of Education meeting for approval.

#### **6. Casa Blanca and North High School Projects**

Staff provided an update on the Casa Blanca School and North High School Project Teams and Design Committees and reviewed:

- Progress on the Design Committee meetings (past and upcoming) and overview of purpose of these teams
- Committee member representation: 30 members approximately on each committee
- Recommended design team: CMs, Architects, Engineers/Tilden Coil, GO Architects
- Overview of Sample Project Timeline for Project Phase and Project Milestones

The following member of the public addressed the subcommittee during this agenda item:

- **Mr. Jason Hunter:** Spoke in relation to Measure O projects/schools and said that Casa Blanca is part of Measure O and should find alternate sources for it. He also spoke in relation to schools included in Measure O bond funds, and offered two ways the District can do things: "we can do things two ways: we can go forward peacefully or we can go forward with high conflict."

Mr. Hunt said that he would like to see Tilden Coin on board. Mrs. Allavie stated that seeing a list of design team is a great idea and would also like Tilden Coil on board as soon as possible.

After the subcommittee asked questions and provided feedback, it was recommended that staff go forward with selecting and assigning the Design Team to both projects.

#### **7. Architectural/Engineering Professional Services - Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Update**

The subcommittee received an update on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, purpose, and reviewed:

- Responses received, December 2020 – January 2021
- Summary of responses from (16) firms
- Overview of Sample Selection Criteria
- Shortlist recommendation

Mr. San Martin shared that the last A/E short list was approved, March 2016 and provided a list of the current recommended firms which if approved today, staff will proceed with interviews, and then this item would be presented at an upcoming Board of Education meeting for Board approval.

The following member of the public addressed the subcommittee during this agenda item:

- **Mr. Jason Hunter:** asked questions about the selection process including questions about how the firms were weighed, and about the frequency of an open RFQ process.

The subcommittee discussed that the response summary of firms and firms being recommended would be presented at an upcoming Board of Education meeting. After the subcommittee provided feedback on the process and the recommended firms, it was recommended that staff proceed with the interview process, and then present the proposed short list for Board approval at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

### **Conclusion**

#### **Subcommittee Members Comments**

Mrs. Allavie stated that she doesn't recall seeing a color card for Magnolia Elementary School colors and would like to see color cards for school colors for future projects.

Mr. Hunt said that bids for Arlington High School came in below the original projections and would like to know if this is common now.

Mr. San Martin responded that it really depends on the project.

### **Adjournment**

3:50 p.m.