

MEETING OF THE CIVIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Monday, July 15, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Draft Minutes

Chair Abby Sadin Schnair called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. Roll Call

(00:07)

Commissioners Present: Abby Sadin Schnair (Chair); Patrick Carney, Commissioner Rothschild, Commissioner Shiota

Staff Present: Ralph Remington, Director of Cultural Affairs; Sarah Hollenbeck, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration; Paris Cotz, Program Associate; Manraj Dhaliwal, Commission Secretary

Chair Schnair announced the meeting instructions.

Program Associate Paris Cotz announced public comment instructions.

Chair Schnair began the meeting reading the Arts Commission's land acknowledgement statement.

2. General Public Comment

(6:00)

There was no general public comment.

3. SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization, Courtyard 4 Connector Scope: Phase 1 Review

(6:40)

Commissioner Rothschild recused themselves since they are an architect at Gensler, the firm working on this project. Commissioner Rothschild is not working on the SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization Project.

The project team reminded commissioners of the site context. The team explained how they integrated comments from Conceptual Review, which include aligning the design with SFO's overall campus masterplan vision, and that the architecture should be distinct but balanced and considered with the overall surrounding context.

The design has been slightly modified from a four-sided building to a five-sided building to accommodate a larger footprint. The team reviewed the programming for the connector, including passenger space, airline lounges, and operational space. The team shared the exterior façade design from various viewpoints. Each of the five façades feature a specific combination of fins, fritted glass, and mullions, dependent on the sun exposure and other factors. The team shared a typical wall section and the overall façade design strategy. The north side maximizes views to the airside, the south side minimizes projections and increases opacity for solar protection. The west and east sides optimize shade with vertical fins.

Commissioners complimented the team on their updated design and how they incorporated committee input and maximized their footprint.

Commissioners asked what color the glass will look like, and the team answered that generally the glass would be neutral gray and lighter metal panels to relate to the surrounding materials. Commissioners also asked whether fins might be introduced on the north façade, and the team answered that there is currently a very subtle fin at a tilted degree axis which might help with the evening sun.

Commissioners asked why the depth of floor to ceiling was so much more than elsewhere found in the airport. The team explained that due to the constraints of the building, they had to add additional rigidity to the structure and to connect two different buildings together.

Commissioner Shiota, seconded by Commissioner Carney, moved to approve SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization, Courtyard 4 Connector
Scope: Phase 1 Review

The motion was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Carney, Schnair, Shiota

4. Millbrae Campus Improvements: Conceptual Review

(42:43)

The project team explained the campus master plan and overall design, site, landscape design, and campus organization. The team based its location in Millbrae, California, on a 15-acre site along El Camino Real. The team shared existing buildings and infrastructure currently on the site that have accumulated over the decades, along with the new program that will join the campus, including new laboratory testing water quality, accommodating growth in staff, and enhancing seismic resilience and site power. The construction will be phased to ensure continuous construction and improve efficiency.

The team reviewed the proposed site plan layout and phases of construction. The landscape designer gave an overview of the landscape site program, which includes the following priorities: public campus edge, green heart, oak woodland, campus pedestrian connection, and stormwater management. The team also reviewed the building sections and overall organization of the campus and how the materials and forms will harmonize across the campus.

Commissioners commended the overall design, material palette, and plant palette.

Commissioners asked how much the design would stray from the original masterplan. The team answered that hopefully the design will not change at all.

Commissioners expressed encouragement to explore different materials (other than wood) to maintain durability of the site and for it to age gracefully. Commissioners asked whether the parking lot areas could be treated to minimize heat and the team answered that the parking lots will potentially be covered with solar panel car ports to generate energy.

Commissioners also inquired whether the asphalt could be treated with a permeable surface.

Commissioners asked why the team was performing adaptive reuse on certain buildings rather than rebuilding entirely. The team answered that this allowed them to lower the budget in certain areas since they were tasked with finding cost saving opportunities.

There was no public comment.

5. New Business and Announcements

(1:48:40)

There was no new business nor announcements.

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52pm.