**Minutes**

**Laney Facilities Planning Committee**

**April 7, 2015 (2:20 – 3:50 pm, Rm. T850)**

Attended:

* Kim Bretz, Phyllis Carter, Evelyn Lord, Peter Crabtree, Jim Cave, Don Petrilli, Ron Betts

The Facilities Planning committee discussed the options for the remaining money from Measure A Bonds. The committee discussed 4 possible options.

1. Build the new Library and Learning Resource center
2. Build the new Student Center – with remaining money addressing other campus infrastructure needs.
3. Do not build a new building but focus all money on infrastructure upgrades and all Deferred Maintenance lists
4. Build the Library as a Phase 1 and leave the Learning Resource Center to a future phase when funding was available

Here were the positive and negative points discussed of these options:

1. Build the new Library and Learning Resource center

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| Positives:* Could bridge gap in funding with donations/ capital project
* Provide more space for student population as current library is underbuilt for our current student population number.
* Support studying with modern technology
* Expand study rooms (only 5 currently) – and make them safe and quiet
* Improve library conditions as current library is deteriorating
* Improve Services:
	+ Book security Issues
	+ Staffing – need 1 big desk rather than split (harder to staff)
	+ Electronic Reserves (loaning laptops, etc.)
	+ Electronic support – charging stations/ computer access.
	+ Instruction – more classrooms (only 1 current)
* Create good air circulation
* Create more restrooms and modernize (currently only 2 restrooms for 3 floors)
* Address accessibility issues – current stairs not up to code/ elevator troubles and ADA issues.
* Address earthquake safety – stacks need to be bolted (current ones are not)
* Address lighting issues – currently too dark
* Improve student success as the library is a central location for students to study, and get the resources they need.
 | Negatives:* Not $70M available for building (only approx. $54 remaining in Laney allocation) – and possibly only $50M to cash out now. Could prohibit build.
* Not going to get state money ($20M) if proceed.
* A future bond could take care of the entire project.
* Increasing square footage will create more “total cost of ownership” than current Library.
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1. Build the new Student Center – with remaining money addressing other campus infrastructure needs.

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| Positives:* Funding will be available if the $50M bonds are sold.
* Address Health Department’s concerns
* Address OSHA’s concerns
* Increase Functionality
* Center of student life:
	+ Bookstore
	+ Cafeteria
	+ Student offices
	+ Study spaces
* Address crumbling Infrastructure
* New configuration will give more usable floor space rather than the ‘atrium’.
* Additional Measure A Bond money can help renovate other areas on campus (even upgrade library)
* DGS is ‘on board’ so ‘go with the flow’ and work together.
 | Negatives:* Delays Library – a #1 priority for years
* Disruption to campus core
* Questions about any intention to move Health Center back??
* BART – issues?
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1. Do not build a new building but focus all money on infrastructure upgrades and all Deferred Maintenance lists

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| Positives:* Most/ All of campus infrastructure needs and deferred maintenance could be addressed
 | Negatives:* Deferred Maintenance now has a separate funding source (2% of Fund 1 - $3.9M) that should start addressing these issues without the need for Bond Money
* Miss out on an opportunity for a new building – showcasing a new Laney Building
* Bond Measure Language states building a Library and if we don’t we risk not adhering to intention of original Bond.
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1. Build the Library as a Phase 1 and leave the Learning Resource Center to a future phase when funding was available

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| Positives:* Students would have all the new library features (see previous points)
* New modern place to study and use resources.
 | Negatives:* Phase 2 – Learning center may not get built, leaving a half finished building.
* Need for Learning center (Multi-departmental) not addressed
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**Committee Recommendation**

The Facilities Planning Committee would like to press the issue that the market may be able to bear $70 million. In this case we would like to recommend the following:

**Priority #1 -** Build the library and learning resource center under the conditions that funding can be identified (sell $70 million in bonds).

**Priority #2 –** In the event that the funding remains less than the amount needed for the library, we recommend that the Student Center building project should proceed, plus the additional remaining Laney allocated money should address other campus infrastructure need and address current library conditions to raise current conditions to meet program needs.

**Committee Questions**

* How is the determination of what the market will bear being made?
* What is the interest money on the Measure A cashed out in accounts?
* What is the true swing space costs of the student center?
* What is the amount remaining of Instructional and Non-Instructional Measure A money
* Is total cost of ownership being considered in the design and cost of buildings?