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DATE: May 22, 2017 **A/R = Action Required**  
TIME: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
LOCATION: Fresno City College –OAB 251

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The purpose of this meeting was to give a summary of the Bond Implementation Plan, review concept designs, hold a Design Charrette with the Community and get input from the Community.

I. Welcome and Introduction:

Dr. Carole Goldsmith introduced PMSM Architects to the attendees. She explained that this meeting is about getting input before decisions are made. No decisions have been made on where anything will go yet. On June 28 there will be the first Community Conversation regarding West Fresno Center.

II. Summary of Bond Implementation Plan: PMSM gave a summary of the Bond Implementation Plan as well as what's been discussed so far as to what's working well and what the needs are. Here are the highlights:

A. Fresno City College and the City of Fresno

1. What's working well:

- Distinction of being the first community college in the state of California and the second oldest in the nation.
- Campus Gems: The Old Administration and Library Buildings.
- Outdoor plazas and green spaces with shade trees.
- Strong Leadership, Quality Instruction and staff.
- Partners with Local High School programs.
- Largest CTE program in the Valley.

2. Needs:

2. A "Front Door".
3. A presence/strong image on Blackstone.
4. A better connection between East and West campus of FCC. Connection needs to be less of a back door.
5. More parking.

6. Better pedestrian circulation around campus.
  7. Access to campus from the east side not affected by the train.
- B. Math Science Building
1. What's working well:
    - Quality instruction, engaged faculty and growing program.
    - Close proximity to greenhouse and gardens.
    - A large collection for the Natural History Museum.
    - Creative use of hall space.
  2. Needs:
    2. Building presence and enhanced entry.
    3. Need to upgrade the facilities to meet current safety and code requirements.
    4. Train affecting sensitive equipment.
    5. More useable program spaces.
    6. Build for future growth.
    7. Utility and Technology upgrades.
- C. Art/Home Economics Modernization
1. What's working well:
    - Quality Instruction and Staff.
    - The Art Space Gallery is wonderful and has some great art shows.
    - The location is good for the art gallery.
  2. Needs:
    - Updated code compliant facilities.
    - Culinary arts program upgrades and program presence.
    - Better security is needed as well as better lighting. There are several hidden "creepy" spaces that need to be eliminated.
    - Enhanced entrance to the Art Space Gallery. Currently it's not obvious where the Art Gallery is.
    - A better distinction between this building and the Music Building. Currently the two blend into one another. This makes it difficult especially for first time students trying to find their classes.
    - Technology upgrade is needed for this building.
- D. Child Development Center
1. What's working well:
    - Great resource for FCC students to receive professional training.
    - Provides child care services for FCC students, faculty, staff and community members.
    - Good location for community and student access.
    - High demand program.
  2. Needs:
    - Additional Space (Physical space preventing them from growing).
    - Observation rooms so that FCC students aren't in the way.
    - Improve connection to the rest of FCC campus: Perceived as being far away from the west side of campus.
- E. Police Academy
1. What's working well:
    - One of the top law enforcement training facilities in the State of California.
    - Is in high demand

- The Police Academy is a hub for several local law enforcement agencies and is a nexus of activity.
2. Needs:
    - New facilities to accommodate classrooms, weight rooms, locker rooms, conference room & office space.
    - Driving Course/Scenario Village combination.
    - Buffer from other programs.
    - Can share with Fire academy.
    - Possible new location off campus.
    - Need additional physical training space.
- F. Fire Academy
1. What's working well?
    - Prepares students for entry level firefighting.
    - Includes EMS and Paramedics Program.
    - High demand: 200 + on waiting list.
    - It's location off campus works well being separated from residences and other student populations.
  2. Needs:
    - More Space such as training space, driving course, classroom and storage space, workout space and office space for training staff.
    - Place to house ambulance and large vehicles.
    - Place to do practice operations.
    - Practice tower: for drills only and burn boxes.
    - Buffer from other programs with police possible new location off campus.
- G. CTC
1. What's working well:
    - Quality instruction and engaged faculty
    - Serves the community well and high demand.
    - Location being close to industry.
    - Strong automotive credit program.
    - Strong maintenance and mechanics program.
  2. Needs:
    - More Space such as dedicated classroom space, space for welding and machining and storage space.
    - Simulated warehouse scenario.
    - Combine both campus program to grow existing programs such as automotive and advance manufacturing.
    - Expand vehicle service to include medium and large truck, and fire engine service. Include fire truck maintenance program and look at contracting with the city and county.
    - Better public transit. Currently there is not a bus stop to this campus location.
- H. West Fresno Center: Since there is no current West Fresno Center Attribute looking for in a site were reviewed:
- Strategic combination of program types.
  - High impact programs.
  - Close transportation hubs.
  - Access to infrastructure.
  - Build strong connection with school districts.

- Away from Airport.
  - Accessible to freeways.
- III. Review the concept designs: PMSM briefly reviewed some of the preliminary site plans prior to the Community getting involved in the Design Charrette. A common theme for the options was having a presence along Blackstone Ave. as well as the Child Development Center remaining in the same place.
- A. Options A, A-1 and B included developing east side of the campus. Option B looked at acquiring KFC and Wendy's property as well to expand the campus.
  - B. Option C looked at acquiring additional property in the north east residential neighborhood. Some of the community comments for this one included:
    1. This option is not a good idea. There are low income people living there that would have nowhere else to go.
    2. It was stated that if this option moved forward would have to make sure have another option for low income housing.
    3. It was asked if mixed use is being considered at a scale that is cute and appropriate. At this time all options are open.
    4. Some of the Fire Academy instructors expressed concerns about locating the police and fire academy adjacent to the campus as shown in this option. Parking at the existing police academy is over taxed. Need dedicated parking. Police also said that they need two stories instead of one. They stated that their best option is off site. Suggested that Alan Hancock college be looked at as an example.
  - C. Option D included developing west side of campus with a more urban approach, building up rather than out. With this option the parking garage would be 3-4 stories and would mean relocating all of the Applied Technology buildings.
  - D. With Option E are looking at acquiring more retail property along Blackstone Ave and incorporating into parking structure.
    1. It was suggested to look at examples of other urban campuses such as Santa Ana and Chapman University.
- IV. Design Charrette: Existing maps of FCC and surrounding area were given to each table along with trace paper and pens. Groups collaborated and came up with ideas and sketches for what could happen for the FCC campus.
- V. Presentation of Concept and Ideas: Most of the tables presented their concepts, ideas and gave feedback for what they would like to see happen. The following was discussed:
- A. Table #1:
    - Stay away from the residential neighborhoods
    - Add a 3-4 story parking garage across Blackstone Street with pedestrian bridges to cross over the streets
    - Incorporate retail/fast food underneath parking garage
    - Develop Blackstone
    - Provide 12' side walks on each side of Blackstone Street.
  - B. Table #2:
    - This table was very concerned about their residential neighborhood. It's where they live and go to school.
    - There needs to be better communication with FCC.
  - C. Table #3:

- Keep trees at the parking lots
  - Take out T-Buildings 100 & 600
  - There is potential parking at Fresno City property
  - Move Police and Fire off the FCC campus
  - Move the District Office
- D. Table #4:
- Want a parking structure at the northwest corner of McKinley and Blackstone on the West side of campus.
  - Look at obtaining properties off of Cambridge. There three properties east of Health Sciences that may be good to acquire.
  - Might be good to have more of a police presence near the residential neighborhood.
  - There is space by the tracks with open/vacant lots that might be able to be utilized. Would like to see the college take some of this area.
- E. Table #5:
- Move the Police and Fire Academy to a 30-40 acre lot so that they can have their own space.
  - Combine Business Education and Childcare development
  - Move Administration Building over to city land.
- F. Table #6:
- Expand Childhood Development Program, even though it can't move.
  - Build a new CTE building
  - Move district office at alternate property.
  - Look long-term solutions for parking
  - Keep character of Library and Old Administration Building
  - Build along Mc Kinley which will open up for future open space and expansion
- G. Table #7:
- Move Math & Science closer to Blackstone entrance
  - Goal is to not displace families
  - Create spaces that families can come and use
  - Likes idea of building along the tracks
  - Some sort of parking structure
  - Stronger presence
  - Dangerous to cross Blackstone Street currently, should be looked at.
  - Concerned about the fumes from the parking garage so close to CDC.
- H. Received sheet of paper with comments after the meeting:
- Build parking structure up or down
  - Child development center
  - Build a community center.
  - Have better lighting
  - Any building construction projects should be given to local Fresno area people. Use local contractors.
  - Communicate with residents in the area / have better communication of FCC events.
  - Have programs for residents in the area.

VI. Closing Comments: PMSM and FCC will now build on this input and start developing and firming up concepts. FCC will have further presentations to update the community.

VII. Next Community Meeting

A. West Fresno Community Conversation

Date: 6/28/17

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Attendees: Community