

PLANNING UPDATE #9

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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Welcome back to SRJC for 2005-2006. What follows is a brief summation and update of the college facilities planning activities over the past several months and looking forward well into 2005-2006.

FRANK P. DOYLE LIBRARY: The new library is about sixty-five percent (65%) complete. Major external activities currently include the exterior building finishes including the brick and synthetic stone treatments. The roof structure is in place and we are starting to “close in” the interiors as well. Much technical detail work remains. At this writing, the completion date is May 1, 2006. When the building is turned over to the College, we will proceed to install major furniture and equipment items throughout the four level facility. We hope to complete the installation of equipment and systems, move the library operations and open in late August, 2006. We will keep the College informed as to our progress. The Board has approved the location and installation of the wood sculptures from the native oak tree removed from the library site.

DISTRICT-WIDE SPACE ALLOCATION PLANNING: The consultant is nearly complete in her 1st draft of needs assessment which identifies programmatic space needs and adjacent program relationships. We expect to begin reviewing her documents in the early Fall with a hoped for Board presentation and action as to priorities and sequencing by late October or November. We will be working with departments, disciplines and deans during the Fall Semester. The final planning document should inform the College as to the completion of campus development for Santa Rosa, Petaluma and the Public Safety Training Center.

STUDENT SERVICE CENTER: With the recent appointment of the design architect (Bull, Stockwell and Allen of San Francisco), we are busy “programming” this new facility. Current thinking is that it may be a three story facility which houses the Student Services (in conjunction with Plover Hall) operation. In addition to the cafeteria and much needed meeting and conference space, Counseling, Student Activities, CyberBear Center, Student Government and related student activity space, the building may include Student Services administrative operations and other student support services as well. We are looking at setting the building back off Elliott more than the current student center and possibly moving it easterly into the old “D” lot. With the combination of the new library, new student services center and Pioneer Hall, we hope to have a heavily utilized and re-energized quad area. Serious design work may commence by late Fall with construction possibly beginning in 2007.

PLOVER HALL CONVERSION: The conversion of the old library into the student one stop center is in the working drawing stage. It is planned that interior demolition will commence in early September 2006. Reconstruction cannot commence until the existing library is vacated in late August 2006.

PETALUMA PHASE II: The College will soon commence the bidding process for the first of three construction phases. Site work and development will start construction in October. New campus facility construction will begin in early Spring, 2006. The final phase addresses the remodel and rehabilitation of the existing facilities and will commence in early 2007. This is a 2 ½ year project which will add 130,000 sf of new facilities and nearly complete the development of the original forty acre site. Anticipated final completion and occupancy is scheduled for Spring, 2008 for the \$54 million construction project. With nearly \$5 million of new equipment and furniture, the entire combined local and state investment in the tripling of the Petaluma Campus will be approximately \$60 million.

SANTA ROSA CAMPUS MULTI-LEVEL PARKING STRUCTURE: The 5 ½ level (one subterranean and 4 ½ above grade), 1100 capacity parking structure is due to commence construction shortly after 1st census (mid-September). The \$30 million parking facility will take 14 months to construct and will add 750 spaces to the Bailey Field site and provide a net new additional 900 spaces to the campus parking capacity. This is due, in part, to the loss of approximately 200 spaces returned to Santa Rosa High School upon which they built their new tennis facilities. Parking at the Santa Rosa Campus will be extremely difficult until November 2006 when we should open the new parking pavilion. We are strongly encouraging the use of the 400 spaces reserved at the Santa Rosa Plaza (Macy's) along with our free shuttle service. We continue to partially subsidize the use of public transit, carpools and other alternate forms of transportation. Mendocino Avenue access improvements should commence in November 2005 and be completed by early Spring 2006.

ELLIOTT AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: The College recently selected Quattrocchi-Kwok Architecture (KWA) of Santa Rosa to be the principle architect in the development of Elliott Avenue area facilities (including Armory Drive, Elliott, Salem and Albany Avenues). KWA will work with the conceptual architect, Bob Allen of BSA, in providing a SRJC heritage facility "theme" village of administrative support buildings along Elliott. These structures will replace many temporary and acquired residential units. Programming for Elliott area projects will begin in the very near term. The Elliott Avenue neighborhood will be involved in the planning review process.

OTHER SANTA ROSA CAMPUS PROJECTS: The College is completing a number of infrastructure projects including: "patch paving" work, a series of sewer system replacements, men's locker room and shower facilities, a reconstituted cogeneration plant providing improved air flow for Maggini Hall and, Lark and Lounibos seating projects. There remains much to be done including the planning for the expansion of the Native American museum into the soon to be abandoned Two Dog Art Gallery space, physical education fields projects, the replacement of the existing Barnett Hall and significant Tauzer Gymnasium improvements. The College hopes to commence serious planning soon for the new, permanent Culinary Arts Center as well.

CULINARY ARTS CENTER: The College continues to test out the possibility of developing a permanent Culinary Arts Center near Railroad Square in cooperation with the Food and Wine Center. The planning and development of the proposed Railroad Square area has been much, much slower than originally anticipated. The College remains optimistic that it may locate its program in that area.

SHONE FARM: Construction of the new Agriculture Pavilion containing an indoor horse arena, wine production laboratory, culinary classrooms and meeting rooms, should commence within the next two to three weeks. Additionally, the College hopes to conclude an agreement on the development of a 50 million gallon reclaimed water reservoir designed to serve the agriculture program.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER: Construction of the new fire tower and burn room facilities will begin in the next week. The project will also upgrade water pressure systems better serving the driving track for hazardous conditions training. The College submitted a Final Project Proposal to the State requesting funding for the Advanced Training Laboratories. If funded, the project would be developed within the next three to five years.

ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS: Though most of the newer facilities projects include several environmentally friendly features, the College is desirous of developing advanced energy conservation projects especially at the Santa Rosa Campus. We are looking at various alternative forms though most likely we will continue to expand in photovoltaic (solar power) solutions.

HIGHWAY 101 CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS: As part of our planning and scheduling calculus, we are needing to better understand how the CalTrans work on Highway 101 and the College Avenue and Steele Lane off/on-ramps will impact the Santa Rosa for the better part of two years. We are becoming involved in coordination planning sessions which will hopefully assist the College in adjusting to the changed external access to the campus. We will keep the College community abreast of those developments.

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