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Notes:

- Discussed possible future parking structure in Lot 7. Precise location and height would be determined based on required number of stalls and minimizing visual impact.
- Question asked about what will happen to the concrete monument sign at Holder entry. Resident likes it and expressed concern about whether it could be relocated.
- Comment and discussion about ensuring new buildings or additions are compatible with the architecture – which is well liked. Expressed concern that the buildings are here for a long time and that they should be “done right”.
- New Master Plan starts 2018 and will be a “Living Document” as it is updated and assessed throughout the Bond Program.
- Question was asked about the extent of Astronomy Program at Cypress College. It was discussed that the Planetarium use is similar to an IMAX theater in that it can be used by multiple disciplines requiring the use of imagery. It was noted that it is not a program that is duplicated at Fullerton.
- Question about how funds are divided among the campuses. It was noted that the monies are generally split 40% at Fullerton, 40% at Cypress, and 20% at Anaheim Campus.
- Discussion about whether there was a proposal to change the existing architecture. Preference expressed for consistent campus look and unaltered stairwells (does not like remodeled Humanities stairs). Also consider drought tolerant plants throughout campus.
- Question about status of Veteran’s Memorial Bridge. It was noted that the conceptual design is completed and College is exploring fundraising opportunities, which will be tied to College’s 50th Anniversary. It was noted that the design is to be a complementary component of the Veterans Center.
- Design of Veterans Center was discussed. Location is contemplated to be a new 2nd floor or enlarged first floor of existing Student Services Building. It is intended to be located in the “heart” of student life and activities.

- Comment about existing Cafeteria Space – not being what it should be, and a desire to have better function (configuration) and same offerings as that at Fullerton College. It was noted that Fullerton serves a much larger population and getting food services to operate at Cypress College has been challenging due to the size of the student population served.
- Question about timing of interior work on campus. It was noted that planning right now is extremely preliminary.
- Discussion about lessons learned with Humanities Renovation Project, and lessons learned District-wide with last bond program. This administration will seek to avoid those problems through effective communication and a common goal to minimize student disruption.
- Discussion about utilizing 3-D Modeling capability to understand Phasing & Design, and use as an effective communication tool.
- The next steps of Facility Master Plan were discussed, where the projects discussed will be incorporated with an updated narrative to communicate the College's needs to the campus and the community.
- Exit option from Lot 1 to Valley View was discussed, with a goal to improve circulation and drop off areas, and to minimize confusion and vehicular conflict.
- Discussed athletic field reconfiguration to achieve a grouping or congregation of fields, create spectator areas for baseball, and maintain public access and use of track areas.
- Question about any city plan for Valley View traffic signal upgrade. Discussion that any campus additions or vehicular changes will need the review and approval of the City of Cypress Traffic Engineer. Work on the Facilities Master Plan is all within the campus boundary.
- Question about why the electronic marquee sign was replaced after about 10 years of operation. It was explained that the old software had failed and was no longer supported by the manufacturer.
- Community member likes the campus architecture, and asked that the artwork outside of the CCPLX be preserved, and look to add artwork or sculptures around campus. It was shared that the college will be displaying sculptures on campus in a joint agreement with the OC Museum of Art.

- Discussion about how to incorporate new landscape into the existing campus – similar to the Fullerton Arboretum.
- Discussion about proposed fencing along Valley View, around swap meet area, and how it benefits the college. It was explained that the revenue from the swap meet is used to purchase instructional equipment and furniture. Additionally, the security and access control would assist in separating the “unsavory” adjacent properties.
- Question about bicycle paths and access – it was explained that the campus has embraced how students traverse the campus via bikes and skateboards and that it adds to the culture of community. The pathways are wide enough to minimize conflicts.

Comments Cards:

Comment Card #1:

- 1) Concerned with preserving original architecture of the campus.
- 2) Landscape suggestion:
 - a. Use succulents (i.e., cactus, aloes, etc.)
 - b. Use of outdoor sculptures.

I would like to be contacted for future meetings.

Victor Zengler – contact information provided on comment card.

Comment Card #2:

I would like to be contacted for future meetings.

Steve Blount – contact information provided on comment card.

Comment Card #3:

- 1) Suggest room set up be arranged differently so participants can see each other – like a semi-circular configuration.
- 2) Have participants introduce themselves – name, resident, organization etc. so that we know the audience.
- 3) Would be more welcoming to have directional signs (from parking lot) - Welcome Community Forum with an arrow to elevator – fourth floor.
(no name given)