

October 10, 2018 Neighbor Meeting Notes

7:00-8:00pm

N=Neighbor Comment or Question

C=Castilleja Comment or Question

Underground Garage Code 1812080
City of Palo Alto Code 181206

N (Stan Shore): Shows Carla Befera's guest opinion. We are a residential neighborhood and we want 415 compliance. If not, legal action.

N (Hank Sousa): Will the school consider renovating current buildings versus building all new buildings?

C: The new architectural drawings/plans are not ready. There isn't a "monolith" to respond to. We will seek input on buildings' look/design. One building preferred for space optimization.

N (Rob Levitsky): Why not split campus like other schools. What are other options?

C: 6-12 girls' school. Integration of grades essential for girls. There isn't property available. Our increases are much smaller than other schools. 540 chosen as the number that won't exceed maximum car capacity.

N (Michael Manneh): Will neighborhood still be used as a parking lot?

C: That's the very reason for the new garage. Size of garage allows for it.

N (Joe Rolfe): What is ultimate enrollment goal?

C: 540. This is ideal size for upper school (breadth/depth of program), and still an intimate setting.

N (Joe Rolfe): 3-5 years of construction?

C: Will be less than three years.

N: No Plan B?

N (Neva Yarkin): Why garage if TDM works?

C: Getting cars off the street.

N (Andie Reed): Five major events and "several others" allowed. School exceeds 100. How did several morph to 100?

C: CUP is not well defined. CUP says "several of" many categories plus "etc." New CUP needs to be more clear.

N (Nelson Ng): Do we really think 100 events doesn't impact the neighborhood? Our TDM counts peak hours. Acknowledges progress. Cumulative impact matters to neighbors.

N (Gogo Heinrich): Who is the EIR consultant? When will construction happen?

C: City Contracted Dudek. Hopeful that draft EIR will be available in early 2019. Construction in two phases. Phase 1 = approximately 1 year. Then temp campus on Spieker Field.

N (Kimberly Wong): Adding 63 net new spaces with 102 new students. How? How will drop off impact with new garage?

C: TDM. And, we can't increase enrollment if cars trips increase. Throughput on garage was studied under different scenarios. Optimal scenario was chosen. TDM will continue to be monitored by third party.

N (Rob Levitsky): Cites 415 CUP; why should neighborhood trust Castilleja?

C: Castilleja came forward. When NK became aware, she reported to City. Then City advised meeting with neighbors. NK asks people to look up consequences in proposed CUP.

N (Nelson Ng): When did NK learn?

C: Didn't know what CUP was before being Head. Then, began investigating.

N (Nelson Ng): Big jump in 2012-13. How? Also, we should decrease events. Why don't we measure cumulative impact on neighbors?

C: EIR will.

N (Mary Sylvester): Trust is a problem. Castilleja needs to work to earn trust back. Community is owed an explanation. Who did NK meet with?

C: Curtis Williams, Sandy Sloan, Mindie Romanowsky, and trustee. In person meeting. Mindie Romanowsky indicates that she was there.

N (Joe Rolfe): There's no win-win.

N (Paula Powar): Joe Martignetti cited Average daily attendance. Who from City will audit enrollment?

C: We report enrollment every year. New CUP has teeth and forces school to earn back trust.