

Woodland Joint Unified School District

Woodland High Community Stadium Committee

Date/Time: Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:30 p.m.

Location: Woodland Joint USD Board Room

Members present: Javier Marin, Roxanna Walker, Tony Camarena, Skip Davies, John Morelli, Karen Gossard, Tammy McMillan, Mathew Paschke, Kent Malcom, Victor Rosales, Dan Goodwin, Michael Pyeatt, Morgan Childers, Tico Zendejas, Evis Morales

Others Present: Marisol Cabrera, Callie Lutz, Lewis Wiley, Nick Baral, Brian Meyers, Karrie Sequeira, Tom Pritchard

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Morgan Childers

Review Minutes from May 31 Meeting:

No changes, minutes approved.

Public Participation:

Morgan Childers moved public participation to the end of the meeting so that all attendees could first hear from Brian Meyers of HMC Architects.

Presentation from Brian Meyers of HMC Architects:

- Issues with the current facility:
 - Visible issues
 - 40-year facility with 50 years of use. Stadiums are generally rebuilt after 40 or 50 years of use.
 - Project was never approved by the Division of State Architects (DSA).
 - Structural foundation is undersized and it was undersized when it was first built.
 - Accessibility issues
- Salvaging the stadium will be challenging, costly and time intensive.
- The architects don't know the strength of the concrete or the steel. There is no formal documentation.
- The stadium will need to be deconstructed in order to get DSA certification.
- There will need to be an extensive field investigation.
- Six months of testing will pass before the architects know the cost of re-modernization.

- The district will spend about \$150,000 to get to the point where a decision can be made. Issues with the retrofit won't be known until after the district has spent this money on testing.
- The stadium could be done by February 2020 at an unknown cost.
- If built new the stadium could be ready by September 2019 and will likely cost less.
- Cost consideration slide: if you build a bleacher on a berm it's going to cost 20% more. It's cheaper to build on flat ground.

Discuss/determine options and next steps:

The majority of the committee feels that its best to demolish the stadium and build new.

There were questions of community involvement. The community would like to help fundraise for the areas of the stadium that won't get done i.e. the track and soccer field. An appropriate way to do this would be to establish a foundation/official nonprofit similar to Woodland Schools Foundation.

Ms. Gossard asked if Mr. Meyers saw local vendors involved with the demolition of other projects he worked on. He said no.

The project team will create a master plan with a track and soccer field included. The work will need to be done in phases. After the master plan is created, the team will have a better idea of cost for a completed project.

Mr. Morelli was concerned about losing some of Woodland High School's history. The committee agreed to work on creating a plaque or something that would showcase the history of the bleachers. Mr. Marin shared that he is working on bringing some old Woodland High traditions in an effort to keep the community history alive. One of the things he mentioned was bringing back Woodland High School's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Marin made a motion for a vote to build a new stadium and not salvage. Mr. Davies agreed.

Committee members voted to demolish and build a new stadium. The recommendation will be taken to the board on September 28. A final decision will likely be made that day.

Public participation:

There was public participation from a few community members. They shared their excitement for a new stadium, want for a stadium as soon as possible and interest in highlighting the history of the school.

Meeting adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.