

# Kentfield Planning Advisory Board

*P.O. Box 304, Kentfield, California 94914*

## Approved Notes

### Public Meeting – Wednesday, November 10, 2021

**Meeting location:** Via Zoom.

**Call to order:** 7:00 p.m. by Bitsa Freeman – Chair

**Board members present:** Bitsa Freeman, Julie Johnson, Keith Kirley (newest board member), Ross McKenna, Anne Petersen, and Pamela Scott.

**Board members absent:** None.

**Other attendees:** Sebastian Alfonso, Scott Gault, Jason Hartka, Keith Kirley, Greg Nelson - Assistant Superintendent for College of Marin (COM), Beth Rhodes – Outreach & Communications (COM), Dave Sternberg (architect), and Katherine Lehmann, note-taker.

**Meeting minutes:** From October 15 were unanimously approved, 6-0.

**Correspondence and announcements:** None

**Members of the Public who wished to comment on anything not on the agenda:** None

First, Bitsa asked everyone to take turns introducing themselves.

### AGENDA:

#### Agenda Item #1

1. **Sebastian Alfonso:** Proposes to raise the roof to get a bit more pitch height. It is an addition to the roof from 1 ½ stories high to a higher level, in order to provide an attic and higher ceilings in the main living room. They will be coming out of the existing “envelope” in a small portion of the roof. In the redesign, the chimney vent is gone and there will be a direct vent.
  - **Neil:** Wondered if the neighbor to the north has any comments?
  - **Sebastian:** They are renters and have an obscured view of our place. Neighbors to the left (around the cul-de-sac) are fine with the design.
  - **Bitsa:** Has not received comments from anyone about this change. Has no problems with this addition, so long as the neighbors are happy.
  - **Dave:** Does the county require a letter from Greenbrae? Send me a PDF copy so I can send a letter. (Katherine: Letter to be sent to Meghan Alton, planner at the County. Email address is: [malton@marincounty.org](mailto:malton@marincounty.org).)

- Dave shared his email address: [dsternberg@sternbergbenjamin.com](mailto:dsternberg@sternbergbenjamin.com).
- Katherine shared her email address, as well: [klehmann@marincounty.org](mailto:klehmann@marincounty.org).
- Anne: Sees no issues with this proposal. No impact on neighbors.

**The KPAB board voted unanimously to recommend approval of this design to the Planning Dept., 6-0.**

## **2. THE LATEST UPDATE ON THE INTEGRATED LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER AT COM:**

- THREE PHASES of the project: completion in 2025 (working out of trailers for the next four years).
  - Initial Phase is ready, then Increment 1, and Increment 2.
- Design, (Schematic, Development, Construction Documents)
  - Floor Plans (Classrooms, Meeting, Wellness, Library, Support)
  - Site Plan: Academic Center to the top right, Student Services to the left and the Creek community to the bottom of the page.
  - Renderings: perspective view from LRC, Entrance, College Avenue, Spanish Steps.
  - Next Steps: Summary of Changes, both for Buildings and Site. Utilities,
- **Bitsa:** didn't know it was an archaeological site.
- **Greg:** It is a Miwok Native American Indian tribe site. We don't disclose what artifacts we find and where we relocate them, as per agreement with the tribe.
- **Dave:** Wondered if they are planning to increase the side walls of the creek?
- **Greg:** Said it floods to the south, but we are higher up. Bike path and the car park get flooded. They have never had any flooding in the north.
- **Bitsa:** The whole area used to be marshlands.
- **Dave:** Had to do a permeable paving for a little driveway. A lot of the outside landscape is non-permeable. Making it permeable would help.
- **Greg:** We hold a lot of water on our site, even for others from outside our area.
- **Julie:** the way the façade has been changed, and proportions on the second floor, is a little bit more like twins. The design brings it more to a pedestrian level.
- **Dave:** Thinks the new building could relate to the other building better. The roofline is broader than the roofline of the existing building to the right.
- **Greg:** The cladding of roof line mimics Mount Tam. Fascia boards are similar in thickness.
- **Beth:** Colors, textures, and materials: We are trying to engage people. We want feedback. We will let you know when get back and represent to you.
- **Greg:** This is the largest project in the history of the district. \$115 million by the time we move in. It will be taking up half the mall. They have asked for an additional \$32 million dollars in matching funds for the project. Provided his email address, as well: [gnelson@marin.edu](mailto:gnelson@marin.edu).

3. Next (emergency) KPAB meeting next Tuesday, November 16, 2021, before Thanksgiving:

- New proposal from McCloskey.
- **Ross:** Said that one advantage might be to have a second entrance, or means of egress, on Brushwood. He also wondered what impact (SB) 9, passed on September 17, 2021, might have on the decision.

(Note: McCloskey subsequently temporarily pulled his application, so the special meeting was cancelled after all.)

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**