



Project Name: SMC Arts Complex Replacement
Subject: Bay Street Task Force (BSTF) Design Update
Location: Zoom Videoconference
Date: July 9, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM
Attendees: Representing Santa Monica College:
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Discussion:

Bay Street Landscaping

- The proposed widened 8' landscaping verge on the northern side of Bay Street was very positively received by the BSTF. This is considered to be a significant improvement on the current condition which is a masonry wall with timber trellis.
- Drought tolerant landscaping and mature tree planting will be incorporated into the 8' landscaping buffer. It was suggested this could be an opportunity to display SMC artwork.
- It was agreed the design team would consult with the city arborist to discuss the selection of tree species in this area.
- It was agreed that a sidewalk or path should not be included in this zone to avoid encouraging the use of Bay Street as a pedestrian route for students.
- The proposed 8' high fence with integrated vines was also very well received by the BSTF. The vines will provide a good balance between privacy, softening of the street edge, and permeability.

Integration of artwork in the building

- The introduction of an art wall into the building on the south western corner was very well received. This will be the most visible location on the southern side of the building to locate it and is able to be changed regularly rather than be a fixed permanent work.

Living wall

- The design team proposed a "green screen" of planting for a portion of the southern façade of the building. This was welcomed by the BSTF as a method of softening the building and breaking down the southern elevation.



Articulation of SE corner

- The proposed tapered articulation of the building's perforate metal screen to reveal a slightly set back south eastern corner of the building received approval from the BSTF. It was commented that it was an improvement in the building design and helped resolve the corner in a more successful way.
- The proposal to build a new boundary fence on the eastern edge of the site requires a review with the adjacent property owner for further input.

General

- It was commented that the group were appreciative of the consideration and the design amendments proposed within the scheme. BSTF felt as though they were being listened to and encouraged the design team and the College to continue with the same spirit of collaboration.