

June 12, 2019 Neighbor Meeting Notes  
7:00-8:00pm

**Introductions**                      **7:00-7:05pm**

Kathy Layendecker introduced members of the Castilleja team and the moderator, Nora De Cuir from Kearns & West. Nora shared the agenda and ground rules for the evening.

**WRNS Presentation**                      **7:05-7:30pm**

Architect Pauline Souza presented slides of Castilleja's ARB submission, including:

- Campus footprint (new compared to existing)
- Site plan
- Landscape
- Sustainability
- Materials
- Elevations (new compared to existing)

With regard to the underground garage, WRNS will design the exterior of both the garage entrance and exit, including the landscaping. They will also design the entrance to the loading area.

Pauline explained that the exteriors are being designed to blend with the residential feel of the neighborhood.

Mechanical and electrical services will be internalized on campus (rather than on the perimeter). Some systems will be underground vs. going on the rooftop.

**Q&A**    **7:30-7:45pm**  
**N=Neighbor Comment or Question**  
**C=Architect or Castilleja Response**

N (Alan Cooper): What is an example of a building with like scale in a residential neighborhood in Palo Alto?

C: HP Building in Los Altos. We are trying to blend with the scale of *our* neighborhood, respecting and taking guidance from this neighborhood.

N (Barbara Hazlett): Suggests neighbors look at the scale of new buildings at Paly and Addison.

N (Carla Befera): Says the new building looks commercial. She likes the more residential feel of the current Admin building.

N (Joe Rolfe): Will we talk about the garage?

N (Tom Shannon): How will the photovoltaic cells on the roof be directed? Has heard talk of a green roof, i.e., rooftop garden? Thinks it would look weird.

C: The PVs will lay flat although they would be more effective if tilted. There will be some rooftop planting.

N (Tom Shannon): What are the building materials along Kellogg?

C: Wood, zinc, translucent (non-reflective) glass.

N (Kitty Price): What is the approval process going forward?

C: We are hoping City Council will make a decision by the end of the year.

N (Debby Fife): Neighbors don't feel heard in this process.

N (Hank Sousa): We have questions about the garage and are again disappointed that the garage architect is not here.

C: We don't believe our garage architect can respond to the concerns you have. Our traffic engineer studied the traffic flow in the garage, and the Draft Environmental Impact Report will certainly study it closely.

N (Andie Reed): Also expressed frustration that no garage architect is present, because this is a single project, not two.

N (Bruce McLeod): What will be the process for delivering materials and removing debris?

C: We plan to recycle and reuse as many of the materials as possible.

N (Rob Levitsky): Commented on the specifics of the garage interior, i.e. tandem parking.

N (Diane Rolfe): What will be the duration of construction, health impact? Castilleja should split their campus.

C: Explained why Castilleja cannot split the campus.

N (Joe Rolfe): Wants all of the architects to meet with the neighbors.

## School Update

7:45-8:00pm

Kathy Layendecker reported that:

- enrollment for the 2019-20 school year will be 430 per City mandated enrollment reduction plan.
- summer camp starts next week
- the Blue Atlas Cedar on Kellogg is unfortunately dying according to 2 arborists

Neighbor comments:

- Rob Levitsky stated that Castilleja's original site plan (2016) had the Blue Atlas Cedar being removed.
- Tom Shannon wishes for some quiet during the summer.
- Paula Powar said that we need to closely monitor summer camp drivers who don't abide by our rules.
- Barbara Hazlett asked how many students Castilleja had to deny this year in the admission process.
- Carla Befera asked what happened to the summer school buses that picked up and dropped off students on Kellogg. (They now pick up/drop off inside campus.)
- Tom Shannon asked neighbors to reflect on how the building height constraints force a tradeoff with design aesthetics, e.g., the flat roof vs. pitched roof (which he prefers)