

Gilroy Campus Master Planning Taskforce Meeting Notes
September 29, 2021 – 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Zoom Conference Call

- Present:** Dr. Kathleen Rose, Superintendent/President
Graciano Mendoza, Vice President, Administrative Services
John Lawton-Haehl, Faculty
Doug Achterman, Faculty
Carina Cisneros, Interim Dean - Student Success and Equity, Special Programs
Debbie Santos, Faculty
Jeff Gopp, Director of Facilities Services
- Absent:** Candice Whitney, Director, Admissions and Records
Brent Boyd, Facilities & Maintenance
Randy Brown, Interim Dean of Student Learning and Student Success, Foundational Skills and Academic Support
Shawn Mulcare, Media Services
Marla Dresch, Faculty
- Also Present:** David Ewell, Steinberg Hart
Benedetta Del Vecchio, Steinberg Hart
Carol Anderson, AKG
Julie Vogel, clearstory
Alan Kriegel, clearstory
Leigh Kyle, Spurlock Landscape Architects
Ania Armour, Spurlock Landscape Architects

1. Monument Sign

The Monument Sign is taking shape and is now 37% larger. It will sit higher off the ground and lighting will be installed five feet off the vertical face of the sign. Leigh Kyle of Spurlock Landscape Architects provided two location options for the sign at the Mesa and Santa Teresa entrance:

- a. Top of the hill
- b. Midway down the slope

Dr. Rose encouraged Clearstory and Spurlock to do some research on the Cal Trans work that will begin as early as 2022 and affect the campus. Currently you can access the campus from both Mesa Road and Castro Valley Road, when construction begins in 2022, those roads will become cul-de-sacs and there will be no access to the campus from either road. The only access will be from Santa Teresa Blvd.

Leigh noted that the priority for the sign is high visibility from Santa Teresa so she doesn't think these changes will affect the visibility.

Currently, there is no irrigation at the sign location. If irrigation is needed, there are two locations that we can connect irrigation to. Another option would be to have temporary irrigation until plants are established.

Leigh reviewed both sign location options shown with non-irrigation landscape and irrigation landscape. It was agreed that we would move forward with the sign located midway down the slope with low maintenance, drought resistant landscape. There will need to be temporary irrigation until the plants take hold, possibly up to three years.

The next step will be to look at models of a mid-slope sign with low maintenance, drought resistant landscaping. Leigh will also look at boulders and other security options.

2. Next Steps:

- a. Colors: The colors being considered are inspired by the color palette of the campus. During the Construction Document phase, the College will be able to review physical examples of concreted colored blocks to better judge the choice of color
- b. Sign Messaging: Doug will reach out to Julie to schedule time for the subcommittee (Doug and Shawn) to meet with clearstory regarding the messaging in the signs.
- c. Symbols: Sign symbols will be reviewed at the next meeting