



**Arizona School for the Arts
Facilities Committee Minutes
Friday, April 2, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.**

Zoom Meeting: 858 5955 7456 Passcode: 084884

Attendance (voting Members in bold)					
Dr. Anthony (Tony) Dietz, President & Committee Chair	P	Dr. Javier Cárdenas, Past President	A	Kevin Allen	P
John Snider, FIC Chair	P	John O’Neal	A	Leah Fregulia, Head of School/ CEO	P
Dr. Drew Maxwell, Operations Director	P	Michelle Ray, SmithGroup	P	John Tran, SmithGroup	P
Rich Newman, ORION Development Consulting, LLC	P	Carolyn Smith, Executive Assistant & Recording Secretary	P		

Agenda Items
Overview of Long-Term Master Plan – Michelle Ray & John Tran
Facilities Projects in Relation to ESSER II – Leah Fregulia
Overview of Shade Project

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

Overview of Long-Term Master Plan

John Tran showed the Committee software models of the various phases of the Long-Term Master Plan ending with the current configuration which includes a 150-seat flexible use performance space and rehearsal areas.

Facilities Projects in Relation to ESSER II

In the interest of applying ESSER II funds to allowable capital improvements before the spending deadline, Leah Fregulia asked John Tran and Michelle Ray for building ideas that can be started now and incorporated into the greater Master Plan with a focus on performance space.

John Tran presented options including the pro and cons of a canopy covering over the existing bandshell as well as a second bandshell in various positions on the green space next to the North building. A discussion ensued which voiced concerns over capacity, the heat factor of it being an outdoor space in use during the late Spring, the green space under consideration being a water retention area as well as parallel to a fire lane and spending funds on a structure that will become obsolete when the structures in the Master Plan are constructed.

This led the discussion to the possibility of using the funds now to build an indoor space that can be vented for cooling now and walls that can be insulated as the Master Plan progresses. John Tran expressed concern that it would put too much pressure on a building in this first phase that would work in the ultimate goal. At the suggestion from Dr. Tony Dietz that we focus on the area around the existing bandshell to put up a structure that will not need to be torn down and will ultimately fit in with the final vision, the Committee settled on a roof-like shade structure on steel posts/pillars over the bandshell and extending over the seating area – possibly using solar panels like a structure at ASU – that can eventually be incorporated into the Master Plan. John and Michelle will follow up with Dr. Drew Maxwell to get civil plans and the property survey as this will likely be a commercial project that will need plans submitted with the City of Phoenix for permitting.

Overview of Shade Project

As the projected costs of the canopy structures are increasing and the permit process is proving difficult, it was decided to hold on the shade structures at this time and possibly rolling the funds towards the shade structure over the bandshell as this space will ultimately be more useful, flexible and safe.

The meeting ended at 1:42 p.m.