



**Arizona School for the Arts**  
**Facilities Committee Minutes**  
**Friday, May 21, 2021 at 12:40 p.m.**  
**Main Building, Large Conference Room or**  
**Zoom Meeting: 858 5955 7456 Passcode: 084884**

**Attendance (voting Members in bold)**

<b>Dr. Anthony (Tony) Dietz, President &amp; Committee Chair</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Dr. Javier Cárdenas, Past President</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Kevin Allen</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>John Snider, FIC Chair</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>John O’Neal</b>	<b>P</b>	Leah Fregulia, Head of School/ CEO	<b>P</b>
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**

<b>ESSER related capital investments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shade Structures - Solar v. Prefabricated</li> <li>• Bandshell seating upgrade</li> <li>• Portable/modular faculty room</li> </ul>
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**Minutes**

Board President Tony Dietz meeting called the meeting to order at 12:44 p.m. following some technical difficulties.

Leah Fregulia opened the discussion with a brief explanation of the use put to ASA’s ESSER I and II funding and the expectation of an approximate \$700k ESSER III grant which can be used in part for capital improvements including a shade structure, improvements to the band shell area and adding a portable structure for faculty use.

Using slides of scale drawings, John Tran and Michelle Ray then presented the options for the following capital improvements:

- The mobile room that is a 12’x60’ structure and will fit on the edge of the enclosed parking area near the basketball court, allowing for automobile circulation. Michelle presented the features of the portable structure and the details of a lease of a reconditioned used unit which would be available in June versus the purchase of a new structure which would not be available until early November. Additionally, leasing would not require an ADA ramp, but the city would require a ramp on a purchased unit as it would be considered a permanent structure. Site plans with existing utility lines as well as electrical drawing for the unit’s power hook-up would need to be submitted for City of Phoenix permitting in either case.
- John Tran and Michelle then reviewed the options for a shade structure covering from the edge of the band shell to the covered lunch tables parallel to the fence, taking into consideration the campus master plan.
  - Michelle presented the features, construction requirements and pricing for a 70’x70’x16’ fabric covered ramada with a possible install date of late August/early September, but with a ten-to-fifteen-year lifespan on the fabric, it would be a less long-term option.
  - John Tran then presented the various possibilities of a serrated, modular power parasol 90’x90’x30’ structure. With a 30-year lifespan on the panels, this option would be a more permanent structure that could eventually be incorporated into the campus master plan. Michelle reviewed the pricing including energy offsets and tax credits as well as cloth acoustical baffles that can be added later. The 30’ height allows for the existing trees to remain intact, but according to a shade study, the taller the structure is

the less effective it will be for shade, so it would be recommended to add vertical shades at varying lengths to optimize shade on the ground. This option would require 17 weeks for design, permitting and materials leaving a September start date with a finish in January/February. Designs can be adjusted to fit our budget. A discussion ensued regarding the advantages versus the disadvantages of using solar panels including the financial, architectural and socio-environmental impact as well as long-term campus goals. Leah asked Michelle for additional proposals to meet best practice standards.

Dr. Drew Maxwell then shared plans for shoring up and improving the seating area in front of the bandshell. As the plans were drawn prior to the plans for the shade structure, it was suggested to Drew that the landscape architect take the new shade structure plans into account and also provide a side elevation drawing of the plans; all plans provided should be permittable plans for submission to the city. The plans will also be adjusted to all hardscape and no landscape to make the space more user-friendly. The plan will need to be repriced based on the recommended changes and to account for and recent escalation in materials costs.

John Tran and/or Michelle will inventory all school CAD drawing on hand with Drew to ensure that we have everything that will be needed digitally for site plans and city permits for all the proposed projects. As all projects will need to be permitted separately, Rich Newman recommended that a master civil engineer be brought onboard as soon as possible to oversee all projects; Rich and Michelle will provide names of possible candidates.

The meeting ended at 1:57 p.m.