

entrance doorways, but since this addition is not to be a main point of access to the building, no archways would be added. Commissioner Wussow stated the added banding around the building and garage doors adds a nice architectural detail.

Mr. Wroble stated the retaining walls are there to address the grade of the hill, and they are proposing 6-foot tall metal fencing along the full length of the retaining walls. He stated the retaining walls would have a peaked top capping and a landscape buffer as well.

Mr. Wroble stated the cooling tower and generator have been located on the property to minimize their visual and audible impact. He stated the school district is considering bringing in an acoustic engineer after the construction is done to conduct a thorough evaluation of the noise emissions so a more accurate noise abatement program could be initiated if needed. Commissioner Loftus asked what the minimum distance is from the outside equipment to a resident's property line to which Mr. Wroble stated it is 30 feet. Chairman Burdett stated he likes the suggestion of bringing in an expert to do the post-construction noise study.

Mr. Wroble stated the school district board prefers the original glass link corridor design as it will bring light to the inside and outside of the building. Mr. Wroble stated that if the link corridor is done in brick, the masonry would be an additional cost.

Mr. Wroble stated the landscape plan is very important to the school district board and the design team, and they are trying to be sensitive to what is on the hill. He stated they will be impacting the hill, but this change would also make the hill more accessible to all. He stated they did hire an outside consultant to see how the addition can be built with the least impact on the hill. He stated they are changing the sequence of construction and landscape design to protect additional trees as over 200 trees are recommended for removal. Ms. Stegall stated the petitioner did a detailed survey of all trees over an inch and a half in diameter, and if the petitioner had done the survey according to the Village's guidelines, only 82 trees would identify as being removed on the hill. Mr. Wroble stated there is an ongoing discussion of what trees could be salvaged or transplanted.

Commissioner Wussow asked if the Crescent Boulevard improvements would come before the Commission to which Ms. Stegall stated this project came before the Capital Improvements Commission and was approved.

Chairman Burdett asked if the glass on the link corridor would match the windows to which Mr. Wroble stated there would be clear glass in both that will have some reflectivity.

Commissioner Loftus asked about the new landscape plan being presented to which Ms. Stegall stated the whole plan set would need to be updated before the application goes to the Village Board, but that the only proposed change is in the patio area west of the building, the concept for which was included in the petitioners PowerPoint presentation.

Audience Comments

Bruce Blake, Conservation Co-Chair with the DuPage chapter of the Sierra Club, stated the chapter is very interested in helping the design team with plant rescue and the moving of plants to a better location.

Resident Jill Paulus stated there are many people in the community that do not think this many trees should be removed. She stated she does not want to see the hill disturbed and would like to see the plants saved. She asked about the green roof to which Mr. Wroble stated the roof will be done in trays so the plants will stay up all year, but could be moved around. Ms. Paulus stated the Village is known for its trees, and she does not think the petitioner took the value of the land on the hill into consideration. She stated the petitioner needs to give the community more of a chance to respond to the proposed removal of trees.

Resident Bonnie Garris asked if it is possible to move the trees to which Mr. Wroble stated it could be possible to move the trees, but it would be costly and also difficult to get equipment up the hill.

Resident Renae Frigo stated the hill space is a high quality space due to the amount of plants on it. She stated that once a plant is impacted, it cannot be put back. She stated the petitioner needs to preserve what plants will remain to the best of their ability.

Resident Ginny Judd stated the petitioner should take more time to look for an alternative to removing this many trees and plants. She stated there are years of plant and root growth that might be destroyed.

Resident Tom Whalls thanked George Zahrobsky for his time and work to put the hill's botanical garden together. Mr. Whalls stated he is not against the addition on the school, but is against the plan in its current state. He stated the petitioner needs to take the time to do the plan right. He stated that if they rotated the new addition 15 to 17 degrees back toward the existing buildings, you would not see the generator and cooling tower. He asked how many deliveries happen a day to which Glenbard West High School Assistant Principal for Operations Linda Oberg stated there are two UPS deliveries a day and three food deliveries a week. She stated any other deliveries would be at random. Mr. Whalls asked about where the trash is located now to which Ms. Oberg stated it is located in the parking lot between the school and Duchon Field.

Resident Tom Condon asked how the timeline could be slowed down on this addition as he feels this is going very fast without looking at everything. He stated that Park Boulevard to Lake Road will be blocked until August 22nd and would like to see the other project done first before this addition is begun. He stated there has been a lack of transparency on this project, and at the School District's April 15th meeting about the addition project, there was no discussion about the removal of trees. He stated the retaining walls could destroy the view of Lake Ellyn. He agreed with Mr. Whalls and would like to see the addition tilted 15 degrees toward the existing buildings. Mr. Condon stated there needs to be more creativity with the generator placement, and the cooling tower with screening could go on the existing science building. He stated the

petitioner could save 30 to 50 more trees by redoing the plan. He stated there is a petition website about saving the trees on the hill, and in six days, there are more than 1600 signatures on this petition. He read comments from this petition website.

Trustee Senak stated the petitioner should be doing everything it can to minimize the consequences to this site. He stated the Village Board will look at the past, present and future to see what will be best. He stated the community is clearly in favor of the science addition, but feels the design team has not fully listened to the comments from the community. He stated he does not think every option has been considered, and the petitioner needs to reach out to the community again for its comments and then create the best plan for the community.

Ms. Stegall stated that all of the audience's comments would be recorded in the minutes from this meeting and seen by the Village Board; however, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over all the comments mentioned.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Dickie thanked the residents for their comments. He stated he likes the detailing around the garage doors and thinks the glass corridor is fine.

Commissioner Wussow stated she appreciates the community's input on this project and does share some of the same concerns. She stated she is most concerned about the outside equipment, the height of the retaining walls and so much of the hill being sliced away. She stated the design of the building is attractive. She stated she likes the residents' suggestion about tilting the addition back toward the existing buildings. She stated she would like to see another small building added to house the outside equipment.

Commissioner Loftus stated he would like to see as many trees saved as possible and more landscaping to hide the garage doors. He stated he does not think the garage doors facing Lake Ellyn will be pretty. He stated the glass corridor is not following the tradition of the other buildings, but he is fine with this. He stated the glass tower detracts from the addition.

Commissioner Burket stated the addition is attractive and that he likes that the materials match the existing buildings. He stated he also likes the glass corridor.

Commissioner Dieter stated he was glad to see the articulated and fantastic discussion about this project. He stated additional options for this project should be explored.

Chairman Burdett stated the design is consistent with the Village's guidelines and that the design was updated since the last meeting. He stated he likes the glass corridor. He stated he appreciates the concerns of the community, but the addition is needed. He stated if the process could have been changed, it would have been good for the petitioner to do a pre-application process. He stated that if the Commission does recommend approval of this project, he would be in favor of including a condition about plant rescue.

Commissioner Wussow stated the building design is fine, but the design could be slightly improved by putting the addition parallel to the existing buildings. She stated there should be more exploration into what to do with the outside equipment.

Commissioner Dieter moved to reject this proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wussow and carried by a vote of 4-2 with Chairman Burdett and Commissioner Burket dissenting.

5. Chairman's Report

None

6. Trustee's Report

None

7. Staff Report

Ms. Stegall stated there will be a meeting on June 24 and that a rowhouse project for 344 Pennsylvania Avenue will be discussed. She stated there are also two other projects that should come before the Commissioners soon: 2S678 Park Boulevard and a retail building on Roosevelt Road.

8. Adjourn

As there was no other business to discuss, Chairman Burdett asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wussow moved, seconded by Commissioner Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Michele Stegall, Village Planner