**Hostel 8 reconstruction**

Update 3 15th February ,2021

Project Progress:

1. At the behest of the Director, the kick off meeting with Dean (IPS) , Dean (ACR) ,Dean (SA) ,Associate dean (IPS) ,CEO DRF, Dipti, representatives of the architect’s firm,2by 3 (Ameya and Prasad) and myself took place on Monday, 8th February,2021. Ameya of 2by3 explained the objectives of the exercise which was to arrive at a document which could be called an “Architect’s brief ” on the basis of which they would submit designs. To do this, the firm would need to interact with all the stakeholder’s (administration, students, service providers, maintenance staff and donors). It was decided that the DRF’s office will coordinate the exercise with 2by3 to have it completed in 6 to 8 weeks.
2. The project team, consisting right now of S. Narayan, (H8,1975, B.Tech.),

 Vipin Mittal, (H8, 1993, B.Tech.) and Sushil Singh (H8,1991, B.Tech.) will now be looking at shortlisting architect firms who will be asked to submit “Expression of Interest”. From these, a few will be selected to be given the brief and submit design ideas.

1. We have requested the Dean (IPS)’s office to nominate one member from their staff to be on the project committee.
2. The detailed milestones and funds required for the first phase is attached in the mail

Fund raising progress:

1. The first donation of Rs5 lacs towards the project was transferred by me and along with the opening balance of the HATS hostel 8 account is more than sufficient to cover the Rs9 lacs to be paid to 2by3 for the project.
2. A fund raising core team comprising Ron Mehta (1970), Pari Choksi( 1975), Kirat Patel(1975), Subodh Bapat (1981),Samir Patel (1982), Rahul Mazumdar (1990), Gaurav Porwal alongwith Ravishankar G. ,CEO of DRF iitb met twice via video conferencing to discuss the fund raising aspects. The highlights of these calls are attached below.
3. A tentative plan for fund raising for the first phase comprising the pre-design to detailed tender/costs estimates & permissions needs to be worked out over the next couple of months. The total estimate is Rs3.5 to 4 crs in timelines given below.

Other matters:

1. A draft MOU for Phase 1 (design,cost estimates,and permissions and accumulation of pledges) has been drafted and sent to IITB and to IITBHF for comments by Girish Nayak, Chairman of the BOD of IITBAA. Some amendments have been suggested by IITBHF & IITB and Zenobia driver and Ravishankar are will have a final version ready in a couple of weeks.
2. We had requested the IITB to consider the possibility of calling the three wings H8, H7 and LH as these hostels are demolished /or being demolished. The Director has no objection to the idea where H7 & 8 is considered but H10 already exists. So, perhaps, the idea of calling it LH may be a good idea.
3. IITBAA is also taking legal advice for the second phase as it will involve large sums and they, rightly, want to ensure that all legal/tax requirements are met. Ideas about floating a Special Purpose vehicle for implementing the construction are being investigated. The opinion of one prominent firm has been received and on the cursory reading there is no legal hurdle in proceeding with the scheme.

Please call or email me if you need any more details on the above.

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