**Hostel 7/8/21 construction: Project Evergreen**

Update 11: As of 30/11/2021

1. **Project Progress:**
2. As informed earlier, a jury comprising of external architects /sustainability experts reviewed the shortlisted architects presentations and unanimously chose one: Design Cooperative (DCOOP) lead by Architects Qaid Doongerwala and Shilpa Ranade
3. Subsequently, the Project Planning Committee decided that a project monitoring firm needs to be appointed. After shortlisting 4 firms and evaluating their capabilities, the firm JLL( *full name*) was chosen as the Project Monitoring Consultant (PMC) to deal with the day to day matters of delivery of timelines, quality, etc.
4. The contracts of the Architect and the PMC are under discussion and will be finalised any day now. This would put in place the two main contractors for the design and, subsequently, the construction phase.
5. In the meantime, IITB has awarded the contract for demolition of the Hostels 7 & 8 and the PMC is working with our sustainability experts to preserve as much of the material from the old hostel as possible

to be used in the construction of the new one.

5. We had a presentation on the 13th of November to the Charter Donors and Volunteers on the design by the Architects and a fruitful exchange of ideas. For those who missed the presentation and the subsequent mailer giving the highlights here is a link to the mailer containing the links to the architect’s vision of the hostel:

…………..(link)

1. **Fund raising progress (Phase1-design, costs, approvals and pledges ):**
2. We have received pledges of around Rs.4 crs from 28 “Charter Donors” from H7/, H8, & H10. With the opening balance of Rs 20

lacs in the HATS account of the three hostels we have reached

a total of Rs 4.2 crs in pledges for Phase1. We would still welcome pledges of around Rs30 lacs, especially from women alumni who are underrepresented in our Charter Donors to safely cover the costs of Phase1.

 2. Of the pledges, we have already received around Rs2.4 crs in the IITBAA and IITBHF accounts. We hope to receive the rest in the next two months.

**C. Fund raising (Pledges only) for Phase2-construction.**

1**.** Now that we have the design for the hostel complex, we are ready to launch our drive for asking for pledges for Phase 2 the construction phase with an ask of Rs135 crs.

2. The first step would be determining the naming rights for various legacy opportunities. After some discussion with the Institute, the following has been agreed upon as the naming rights opportunities.

…….(link to naming rights pprt.)

2. The next step would be reaching out to alumni to ensure we have at least one person from each hostel per batch who is ready and willing to reach out to his batch mates. We already have 32 batches covered with at least one volunteer from each batch. We need to fill up the gaps and need your help. You can help by reaching out to your batchmates (or even in adjoining batches) from any of the other hostels where we have no representations.

3. We hope to organize mini-virtual reunions of each batch from H7,8, 10 alumni to present and pitch for pledges for the hostel project over the coming days.

1. The Team leads for H7 is Raj Mashruwala, class of 1975, for H8 is Kirat Patel class of 1975, and for H10&11 is Zenobia Driver, class of1998.
2. **Please help in finding people from the missing batches or even from your batch who would be happy to help by working the phones.** Contact the hostel leads (Raj, Zen or Kirat) if you have any suggestions.

*Attached* is a presentation on the project updated to help you explain the project to potential batch leaders. Feel free to use it to convince people to join in.

*…….(link to ppt.)*

1. In the meantime, it would be helpful to upgrade the data about the alumni for each batch. IITBAA will send you the list of your batch mates as per the Alumni Association(AA) records as a starting point. Please update those with any data you might have. One of the team leads will soon be in touch with you to discuss data updating and next steps. Contact amitshuklaiitbaa@iitbombay.org for help.
2. Amit Shukla has joined us in the IITBAA office to help us with the networking and communications part of the project since we have to reach out to potentially 7000 alumni from H7, H8, & H10,11.

1. **Communications and marketing.**
2. As you might have noticed ,the project is now going to be called “evergreen” taking a cue from the the names of the three hostels:

H7; the lady of the Lake

H8: Woodlands

H21: Raintree (the new women’s hostel)

 2. Anu and the communications team are at work preparing the material for presentation to the alumni and ………

Till next time, au revoir!

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