

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
AHS-School Committee Room-Sixth Floor
6:00 pm

Present: Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair
Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Co-vice chair
Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, Co-vice chair
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative
Ruthy Bennett, Director of Facilities
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative
John Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee
John Danizio, APS Chief Financial Officer
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Representative
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal
Judson Pierce, Community Member Representative
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager
Brian Rehrig, Capital Planning Committee Member
Daniel Ruiz, Community Member Representative
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

Also present: Chuck Adam, Jim Burrows, Victoria Clifford, Skanska Inc.

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Public Participation

None

A-Pool Presentation

Renee Piazza and Kate Radville spoke in support of a pool with year round access to serve students and the community, informing that they have 693 signatures on a petition in support of a swimming pool.

- ◆ A-Pool's stated that:
 - Arlington Boys & Girls club pool is out of capacity
 - AHS inclusion of a pool could serve the school and the community
 - A-Pool has submitted a proposal for CPA funding.

Town Manager Chapdelaine told Piazza and Radville that A-Pool is on right track in seeking CPA funding, and suggested also pursuing money via the town's Capital Planning Committee.

Chuck Adams of Skanska, the owner's project manager, said from experience with Lowell, Winchester and Belmont, we know that the MSBA will not fund any part of a pool. Facilities and land cannot be shared. The feasibility study cannot consider a pool. This would have to be a separate contact.

MSBA Designer Selection Panel Update

Superintendent Bodie reported that she, along with Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine and School Committee Member and Chair of the AHS Building Committee attended the MSBA Designer Selection Board meeting to choose three designer finalists.

The three firms that have been chosen as finalists are: Arrowstreet of Boston, Finegold Alexander Architects of Boston and HFMH Architects of Cambridge.

Interviews for the three firms will take place at MSBA on October 24, 2017. Each interview will give the architectural firm 30 minutes to present and 10 minutes to answer questions. The committee discussed what questions to ask the firms and asked Skanska how many issues should be raised; Chuck Adams suggested 4-6.

The AHS Building Committee is to have no communications with HMFH, Finegold Alexander, Arrowstreet, or any proposed subconsultants, regarding the AHS project. This would lead to an automatic disqualification.

Finance Subcommittee

The committee voted unanimously to name the following to its finance subcommittee: John Danizio, APS CFO, John Cole, chairman of the Permanent Town Building Committee, Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager and Brian Rehrig, Capital Planning Committee.

The role of the Finance subcommittee will be to approve OPM thresholds, approve change orders, and approve bills. By law construction bills must be paid at deadline.

Communication

Amy Spear reported that:

- ◆ The AHS Building site is up and has been receiving positive feedback
- ◆ Ponderings Blog is underway. Content will include:
 - Fresh topics
 - Answers to questions
 - It will not be opinion based. Purely factual.
 - Skanska will provide content on designer selection process and feasibility study
 - Bios are to be written up for the “who are we” page
 - Bulletin will have push-notifications

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made and seconded it was unanimously:

Voted to approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2017

Meeting Schedule

The Committee scheduled the following meetings for 2018:

- ◆ January 2nd
- ◆ February 6th
- ◆ March 6th
- ◆ April 3rd
- ◆ May 1st

On a motion made and seconded by it was unanimously

Voted to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Notes by:

Kathleen Bodie

Victoria Clifford

Submitted by:
Karen Tassone
Recording Secretary