

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
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
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative (absent)
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
Steve Nesterak, Director of Facilities
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
Alicia Majid, Teacher Representative
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

Also present: Chuck Adam, Jim Burrows, Victoria Clifford, Skanska Inc.
Lori Cowles, Melissa Greene, Arthur Duffy, HMFH Architects, Inc.

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Public Participation

None

Decision Schedule and Process

OPM Jim Burrows reviewed the preliminary design program (PDP) decision schedule and process.

- ◆ Review/Discuss existing condition documentation
- ◆ Review Educational Program (approved by School Committee on March 15)
- ◆ Discuss Initial Space Summary
- ◆ Preliminary evaluation of alternatives and conceptual budgets to determine three to be recommended for further review during the PSR phase.
- ◆ Space Decision Matrix
- ◆ Reimbursables vs non-reimbursables
 - Skanska explained that after we submit the PDP, the MSBA will return their comments. We are given time to incorporate comments into our report. There are subsequent submissions after the PDP that offer the opportunity to request further adjustments to spaces. The committee decided they should request as much space as possible to be included in the PDP. It is known that the larger gym and larger auditorium will not be reimbursed.

- If the educational plan supports a higher number of science rooms and art rooms, the MSBA may choose to participate.
- The PDP is not binding at this point, it is the beginning of a negotiation.

- Report – Performing Arts Spaces
Supt. Bodie and AHS principal Matt Janger reported on their recommendations to the space:

- Four 1,200 square foot Art Rooms will be sufficient

- Theater subcommittee (Judson Pierce and Brian Rehrig) reports on their recommendations to the auditorium/alt. performing arts space:
 - ◆ 900 seats should be sufficient
 - ◆ Current stage size is good
 - ◆ Fly space needs to be increase
 - ◆ Mr. Rehrig questioned if the theater consultant should be involved in the conversation?
 - Lori agreed that they can be involved, Mr. Rehrig and Mr. Judson will contact the theater subcontract separately.
 - ◆ The auditorium will include seating that supports large testing, lectures, and guest speakers

- Report – Athletics Spaces
Gymnasium subcommittee (Kiri Allison-Ampe and Kate Loosian) reports on their recommendations to the gym/alt. gym spaces:
 - ◆ Gymnastics is not considered in the proposed space
 - ◆ Kirsi would like to propose a field house separate from the study, suggested not use the extra 4,000 sq. ft. and use the money towards a field house.
 - ◆ William McCarthy clarifies that track and basketball never have and never will practice in one gymnasium at the same time.
 - ◆ Can we ask for at least the same amount of gym space as we have? Yes, but the educational plan will need to be edited to reflect the need for the additional space.
 - ◆ Committee questioned where we can find a footprint on this site for a field house.

ADA Code Issues for Field

- We are out of compliance with bathroom accessibility, new accommodations we will need to be built in order to comply with the Athletic Field as a code requirement. This will affect the budget.

Feasibility Study Updates

Lori Cowles reviewed the:

- ◆ Hazmat Estimate = 3,918,100
 - Building only. This does not include the exterior site.
- ◆ PNF– Form submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission
- ◆ Project Goals (expanded)
 - Meet Educational Program
 - Achieve ideal Adjacencies
 - Create a more compact easily navigable building
 - Provide distinct entrances
 - Improve site use and circulation
 - Plan for occupied, phased construction
 - Sustainable

- Efficient, best net to gross
- Transparency
- Increased parking count

Preliminary Evaluation of Alternatives

- ◆ HMFH to include a site plan for each alternative at next meeting
- ◆ HMFH to provide a circulation time for each alternative at next meeting
- ◆ Skanska to create a rubric that evaluates the alternatives based important issues to the committee/community

Subcommittee Reports

Communications

- ◆ April 4 Community Forum Plan
Discussed format and what materials should be shared.
- ◆ May Community Forum Date
To be determined.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Brian Rehrig seconded by Adam Chapdelaine it was unanimously:
Voted to approve the meeting minutes of March 6, 2018

New Business

None

On a motion by Sandy Pooler seconded by Adam Chapdelaine it was unanimously:
Voted to adjourn @ 9:40 pm

Submitted by:
Karen Tassone
Recording Secretary