

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2019
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 (absent)
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative
John Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative (absent)
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Representative
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative (absent)
Michael Mason, APS Chief Financial Officer (absent)
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal
Judson Pierce, Community Member
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager
Brian Rehrig, Capital Planning Committee Member
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative (absent)
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

Also present: Jim Burrows, Victoria Clifford, Skanska Inc.
Lori Cowles, Arthur Duffy, Melissa Greene, HMFH Architects, Inc.
John LaMarre, Consigli Construction

Call to Order: 6:00

Public Participation

Paul Raia - Addressed the committee explaining that a representative from the Disabilities Commission could help guide the development of the building of the school by ensuring that the school is able to accommodate multiple generations with disabilities and also help students with the social aspects of fitting in to the school.

Cynthia DeAngelis, chair to the committee - it would be helpful to have a representative so that we do not need to undo things and be able to speak to items that may not be ADA required but more inclusionary.

Budget Update

Jim reviewed budget tracker to date. He is waiting for final invoices, the finance subcommittee was updated last week and 9k-10k is left in the Feasibility/Schematic Design Funds.

Finance committee reviewed Skanska Amendment # 1 and HMFH Amendment #3 for Design development through closeout services.

Approval of Skanska/HMFH Amendments

On a motion by Adam Chapdelaine seconded by Brian Rehrig it was unanimously Voted approval of Skanska/HMFH Amendments – “Skanska Attachment B: Amendment No. 1 (\$7,384,600)...HMFH Amendment No. 3 (\$21,078,647)

Design progress review

Lori has met with various groups and will distribute minutes to the full committee:

- Athletics making changes based on their meeting, lockers, relationship to corridors
- Performing arts wing - theater consultant is helping with the design for a better more intimate space
- Discussed Gender neutral bathrooms and their locations on every floor
- Auditorium working for more optimal sight lines also looking at other auditorium layouts provides more wheel chair accessible
- Discussed the auditorium entrance, distance between front row and the stage, concerns with access to auditorium, Lori stated that is has ample doors to enter and exit, lobby to auditorium how does it compare to what we have now - larger than what is there now.
- Brian requested documents on elevation thru the auditorium - HMFH will send out to the committee
- Discussed concerns about various costs in making changes
- Met with librarian - tweaks on space - and the furniture layout for the learning commons layout, workroom, conference, office staff, computer labs and upper learning commons contain learning center and smart labs has visual connections

Discussion Process for Making Committee Appointments/Adding Committee Seats

The committee discussed the vacancy left by Daniel Ruiz, if the seat should be filled, and if so, what kind of process and procedures would be used to fill the seat.

- The committee discussed at length the process, procedures, expertise of potential candidates as well as ensuring that candidates are aware of the time commitment and the willingness to serve on a subcommittee/s. Discussed if we advertise or post the vacancy.

The Town Manager was in favor of having a representative from the Disabilities Commission fill the vacancy.

On a motion by Brian Rehrig seconded by Judson Pierce

Moved to invite the Disability Commission to appoint a representative as a non-voting advisory member to the committee.

Motion passes 10 -2 no Frank Callahan and Ryan Katofsky and 1 abstention by Matt Janger. Frank Callahan noted that he is comfortable with size and makeup of the committee as is noting that we have the ability to reach out to the community - HMFH reaches out to necessary parties, we have all the expertise that we need, we have a comfortable balance. Would replace Dan Ruiz with a member that echoes his experience and not a member of the disability commission.

On a motion by Adam Chapdelaine seconded by Brian Rehrig it was unanimously:

Voted that the Town Manager has permission to solicit to fill the open position with someone who has the expertise and experience as a project manager to fill Dan Ruiz's vacated seat.

Review of Future Investigation Scope

Lori presented a PowerPoint of the needed future investigation scope, some of which have been seen by the finance subcommittee has seen the proposals on.

- Site survey
- Wetland flagging
- Permitting, conversation noi, mepa enf, eir, etc..
- Hazardous materials investigation
- geotechnical/geo environmental investigation
- Traffic impact analysis
- Site sound evaluation
- Geothermal well investigation

Supt Bodie noted that it would be helpful to have a plan and dates when things are completed - wants to ensure that we are not in a time crunch - Matt Janger echoed those concerns - behooves us to have a list of when we are meeting and with whom. HMFH will put out dates to the committee.

Subcommittee Reports/Assignments

- Communications posted the press release naming Consigli as the construction manager, will be sending a blog out this week - will have a booth at Town Day September 14, will need committee members to staff the booth, HMFH will provide props.

Forum in early October - theme - informational forum-no feedback needed. Town Hall

- Finance
Met on July 11th
Will continue to meet to look at sub consultant contracts
- Interiors - nothing to date
- Landscape & Exteriors
Nothing to date
Concerns re dimension of the baseball field - design consultant reviewing.
- Memorials
Nothing to date
- SMEPFP (Sustainability, Mechanical, Engineering, Plumbing, Fire Protection)
Ryan Katofsky is meeting next week with HMFH and with the full subcommittee in August.
- Security
Supt. Bodie has set up some dates to meet with Acting Police Chief Julie Flaherty
- 4Temp Use-Phasing - nothing to date.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Frank Callahan seconded by Adam Chapdelaine it was unanimously Voted to approve the meeting minutes of June 25, 2019. As amended.

New Business

The high school abutters will meet Skanska, Town Manager and AHS principal on Wednesday July 17th at 7:00 pm in the media center to discuss the high school project.

John Cole asked John LaMarre of Consigli if they will be attending all of the committee meetings in the future. Consigli confirmed that they will be in attendance at meetings and will give updates on the project.

Next meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by John Cole seconded by Brian Rehrig it was unanimously Voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

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