

Arlington High School Building Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Arlington Public Schools
District Office, School Committee Room
14 Mill Brook Drive, Arlington, MA

Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair
Elizabeth Homan, Superintendent, Co-vice chair
Jim Feeney Town Manager, Co-vice chair
Alex Magee, Deputy Town Manager
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative, absent
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative
John Cole, Permanent Town Building Committee
Francis Gorski, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, absent
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Rep
Brett Lambert, PTBC Representative, absent
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal
Judson Pierce, Community Member
Paul Raia, Disabilities Commission Rep, absent
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative, absent
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative, absent

Michael Cunningham, Legal Counsel

Jim Burrows, Sy Nguyen, absent, Skanska
Lori Cowles, absent, Arthur Duffy, HMFH Architects, Inc.
John LaMarre, Chris Weber, Consigli
Karen Fitzgerald, AHSBC Recording Secretary

Opening of Meeting

Mr. Jeff Thielman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Skanska Update

Jim Burrows had no big updates on the project and he is currently coordinating the move to get ready for the February turnover.

Consigli Update

John LaMarre informed the committee members that the project is on schedule. He has no big updates since everything is moving along in the gyms, bleachers are going up, and because the weather has been great, a lot of outside work has been done on the grounds and installation of outside lights. When asked by Frank Callahan, Chris Webber updated the committee about a concern of an electrical short out on a job, and said it was noted and addressed.

Amy Speare suggested that the committee coordinate a tour of Phase 3. Jim Burrows said he could attempt to coordinate the tour before the Christmas break. Chris Weber received the formal approval in regards to the bike path extension. He informed the committee on the progress of the bike path walls being poured and the progress of building the ramp. John LaMarre would like to wait until Phase 4 of the project before we have access to cut into the DPW side driveway. The turf is in a good spot, currently the lighting is going up and testing is still being collected and will be submit to the Town Conservation.

Schedule Update

- Additional Changes and Scopes

Liz Homan said the Interiors and Exteriors Subcommittee had met and discussed the AHS Endgame Project Planning Timeline proposed. Consigli needs to know the timeline decisions that requires construction now and if it's a low priority/low funds, not much lead time would be required. Since Down House is being demolished in February we should think of contingency funds, if needed. Liz Homan went over about eleven high priority items on the list. Jim Burrows suggested that the committee discuss and go through the list and identify the priorities. The committee decides what they don't want and should release and review each budget line. See chart of items discussed.

| | Description | Category | Repair or Add-on? | Location | Priority | Cost Ext. | Alt Fund Source? | Decision Date | Material Lead Time | Install Start Date |
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| 1 | PA system speakers connected to microphone/computer | OTHER | Unclear | TBD/ Reception Main Office 2 | High | TBD | Yes | TBD | | |
| 2 | Black Box Lights | OTHER | Add-on | Auditorium & Blackbox | High | \$40,000 | Yes | TBD | | |
| 3 | Balcony Fix: lift the seats | CONSTRUCT | Add-on | Auditorium & Blackbox | High | \$205,000 | No | Dec 2024 | | May - Aug 2025 |
| 4 | Additional bike racks - front (Mass Ave) | CONSTRUCT | Add-on | Site on Mass Ave side | High | \$80,000.00 | No | Dec 2024 | 16 weeks | Summer Break |
| 5 | Additional bike racks - (Schouler Court - West Low Hill) | CONSTRUCT | Add-on | Site on curve at Schouler Ct. | High | \$58,000.00 | No | Feb 2025 | 16 weeks | |
| 6 | Additional bike racks - (End of Bike Path near Courtyard) | CONSTRUCT | Add-on | Site | High | \$80,000.00 | No | Feb 2025 | 16 weeks | |
| 7 | Damaged Column Cover at Bldg B exterior entrance | CONSTRUCT | Repair | Ext. Building B Entrance | High | \$11,836.00 | No | Consigli Proceeding | | Feb 2025 |
| 8 | Damaged light fixture lens at locker pod | CONSTRUCT | Both | 4th Fl. Bldg B | High | \$9,700.00 | No | Dec 2024 | 6 - 8 weeks | Feb 2025 |
| 9 | Accessible Kitchen Setup | CONSTRUCT | Add-on | Rm 109 / 110 | High | \$40,000.00 | No | Dec 2024 | 12 weeks | April 2025 |
| 10 | Auditorium wall replacements | CONSTRUCT | Repair | Auditorium | High | \$120,000.00 | No | TBD | | |
| 11 | Restroom Batteries | CONSTRUCT | Add-on | All Bathrooms | High | TBD | No | | | |
| 12 | Ponding at walkway low spot | CONSTRUCT | Repair | Mass Ave Front Entrance | High | TBD | No | | | |
| 13 | 3 additional storage cabinets | OTHER | Add-on | Makerspace | Med | \$9,765 | Yes | | | |

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| 15 | Library furniture | OTHER | Add-on | Library | Med | \$10,000 | Yes | | | |
| 16 | Finishing Machine (booklets) | OTHER | Add-on | Site | Med | \$5,000 | Yes | | | |
| 17 | 2 additional Viewsonic Carts | OTHER | Add-on | Site | Med | \$8,000 | Yes | | | |
| 18 | Bumpers for corners in hallways | CONST | Add-on | Site | Med | \$6,000 | No | | | |
| 19 | Culinary Tables | OTHER | Add-on | Rm 109 / 110 | Med | \$24,000.00 | Yes | | | |
| 13 | Requested video/projection functionality - gym | OTHER | Add-on | Gym | Low | \$50,000 | Yes | | | |
| 20 | Gym - additional bleacher platforms | CONST | Add-on | Gyms | Low | \$20,000 | No | | | |
| 21 | Balcony Fix: reduce railing | CONST | Add-on | Auditorium & Blackbox | Low | \$498,000 | No | VOID | 40 weeks | |
| 22 | Balcony Fix: provide seat cushions | CONST | Add-on | Auditorium & Blackbox | Low | \$40,000 | No | | | |
| 23 | Additional Security Cameras at Catwalks (PR 10) | CONST | Add-on | Auditorium & Blackbox | Low | \$52,000 | No | | | |
| 24 | Additional Display Case Lights (ASI 284) | CONST | Add-on | Makerspace Corridor | Low | \$6,000 | Yes | | | |
| 25 | Additional shelving acrylic card holders | OTHER | Add-on | Library | Low | \$6,460 | Yes | | | |
| 26 | Plotter Printer | OTHER | Add-on | Clean Room (440C) | Low | \$2,700 | Yes | | | |
| 27 | Orange Paint | OTHER | Add-on | Counseling Suite | Low | \$6,300 | Yes | | | |

Subcommittee Update

- Communications – Nothing to report.
- Finance – Jim Feeney had secured CD's on work we did and deposited into Account and the Comptroller will take care of it.
- Interiors – Liz Homan will continue to meet and discuss outstanding requests need from Phase 1 and Phase 2.
- Landscape & Exteriors, Liz Homan walked the grounds, noted the weeds and that they were taken care of.
- Memorials – Bill McCarthy found corner stone of house from 1930 on the front lawn.
- SMEPFP – No Report.
- Security – No Report.
- Temp Use-Phasing –No Report.

Meeting Minutes Approval

On a **motion** by Bill McCarthy, seconded by, Amy Speare, it was voted to approve the Minutes of the AHS Building Committee dated October 8, 2024.

Roll Call: Bill McCarthy Yes, Frank Callahan Yes, Matt Janger, Yes, Amy Speare Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Tobey Jackson Yes, Judson Pierce Yes, Liz Homan, Yes, Jim Feeney Yes, Alex Magee Yes, Kate Loosian Yes, and Jeff Thielman Yes.

Executive Session – Balcony Design

On a **motion** by Frank Callahan, seconded by Kate Loosian, it was voted and approved to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss the Balcony Design and the listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law and to exit from Executive Session and adjourn.

Roll Call: Judson Pierce, Yes, Tobey Jackson, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Amy Speare, Yes, Matt Janger, Yes, Bill McCarthy, Yes, Frank Callahan, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Alex Magee, Yes, Jim Feeney, Yes, Liz Homan, Yes, and Jeff Thielman, Yes. Unanimous

On a **motion** from Kate Loosian, seconded by Ryan Katofsky, it was voted to exit out of Executive Session and to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Roll Call: Judson Pierce, Yes, Tobey Jackson, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Matt Janger, Yes, Bill McCarthy, Yes, Frank Callahan, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Alex Magee, Yes, Jim Feeney, Yes, Liz Homan, Yes, and Jeff Thielman, Yes. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Fitzgerald, Executive Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary to the AHS Building Committee

12/5/2024