

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 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 (absent)
John Danizio, APS Chief Financial Officer
Patrick Goddard, Interim Facilities Representative
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal (@7:00 pm)
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 (absent)
Daniel Ruiz, Community Member Representative
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative
Alicia Majid, Teacher Representative (absent)
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative (absent)

Also present: Chuck Adam, Dale, Victoria Clifford, Skanska Inc.
Lori Cowles, HMFH Architects, Inc.

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Public Participation

Michael King, former AHS student, currently attends Wentworth Institute, interning at Gilbain is interested in watching how the project unfolds.

Debrief - AHS Community Kick-off Forum

The consensus of the committee is that the number of facilitators made it run smoothly it was organized and logistically put together, would like to see more students and incorporate more specifics in the future.

Existing Conditions Update

Lori Cowles and Arthur Duffy, HMFH, gave an update on where they are in existing conditions phase noting that they have almost everywhere in the building. The laser engineers have been in the building for two weeks creating floor plans, once completed, HMFH will put together a draft for the committee. Ms. Cowles presented a Powerpoint of the classrooms and the condition of the building.

The committee discussed preserving artifacts in the building – (Skanska will be creating a list and tagging items) and questioned if we will be giving up larger classroom for smaller MSBA requirements i.e. the auditorium and gymnasium. Currently the high school gymnasium is 12,000 square feet and that is the square footage that the MSBA allows for a gymnasium. MSBA only allows 750 seating for the auditorium, Arlington would need propose a bigger space and reasons that it is needed (community use, etc.).

Hazardous Materials testing has been completed, it is estimated that the cost for abatement is close to four million dollars, which is not MSBA reimbursable.

Subcommittee Reports

Amy Spear reported that the upcoming community forums are scheduled for:

- February 7th – Educational visioning meeting with David Stephen from New Vista Design, will include a panel discussion with the Superintendent. AHS Principal and HMFH Lori Cowles.
- March 5th will be held at AHS to discuss the facility
- April 4th – to be determined.

New Business

There was discussion as to when the building committee would have the opportunity to share information with the community at large on the project and be able to give input. HMFH responded that the information gathered from community forums, staff visioning sessions and other stakeholders drive what our options are: The big picture, cost estimate for a new building, a renovation only and an add/renovation. This is what will be submitted to MSBA on April 24th.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Daniel Ruiz seconded by Adam Chapdelaine it was unanimously:
Voted approval of meeting minutes of December 5, 2017.

On a motion by Adam Chapdelaine seconded by Kathleen Bodie it was:
Voted approval of the meeting minutes of December 19, 2017 (abstention by Sandy Pooler & Daniel Ruiz)

New Business

The next scheduled meeting is February 6th at 6:00 pm.

The committee voted to change the February 20th meeting to February 27th at 6:00 pm and
The April 17th meeting to April 24th at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Tobey Jackson seconded by Kirsi Allison-Ampe the committee
Voted to adjourn @ 7:10 pm.

Submitted by:
Karen Tassone
Recording Secretary