

Approved October 2, 2018

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 4, 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  
John Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee  
John Danizio, APS Chief Financial Officer (absent)  
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, Facilities Director (exited at 6:50 pm)  
Judson Pierce, Community Member  
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager (@ 6:40 pm)  
Brian Rehrig, Capital Planning Committee Member  
Daniel Ruiz, Community Member Representative  
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative  
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative  
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative (absent)

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

**Call to order:** 6:00 pm

**Public Participation**

Chris Mungerast

Patricia Seitz – like the program, concerned with losing green – lessen the massing, scale back

Patricia Worden-concern that this is not a proposal that Town Meeting can vote for-need a new design and a new architect firm.

Carl Wagner- supports a new high school, not a design that does not include the front façade and green, concerned that 2/3 of tm will not vote approval.

Grant Cook –noted that we are growing a design with MSBA and need to work through the process.

Patrice Smith-supports rebuild-concerned with green space, would like to preserve.

Kristen Fritsch –commended sustainability-gave suggestion on life cycle analysis.

Michael Delizi

Chris Loreti-cost too high-would be the most expensive school in the state per pupil expects opposition from voters.

Ian Goodsell – respect the process-encouraged public to let the building committee work on the process.

Ron Ellings – disappointed in demolishing AHS legacy, wants an explanation on why this is happening.

**MSBA Process Update**

Chair, Jeff Thielman noted that the current shape and form presented is the massing only but not the design. The community is invited to visit the AHS Building Committee booth at town day and to also attend our biweekly meetings for updates.

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Jim Burrow of Skanska review the MSBA timeline, currently we are in the schematic design phase where the committee will develop a robust schematic design in order to establish:

Scope  
Budget  
Schedule

Submittal for DESE approval

The OPM will submit the schematic design to MSBA on 2/22/2019.

#### **Draft Traffic Study Report**

The Traffic study was reviewed, various options were discussed: eliminate Carey Drive, traffic around Mill and Grove Street exits and DPW access. Ideally pedestrian but not vehicular traffic would travel through DPW. Changes needed would go through Select Board via Traffic Advisory through Mass Dot.

#### **Draft Schematic Design Work**

Lori Cowles HMFH reviewed the design process noting that currently we are in the concept design phase. Part of the design process includes:

- ◆ Defining the problem
- ◆ Collecting information
- ◆ Brainstorming to analyze ideas.
- ◆ Create solutions
- ◆ Present feedback
- ◆ Evolve the design

The committee reviewed models of the Thompson school, Winthrop and Brookline as examples of evolving plans.

Concern relative to the time line from cost estimate to submittal to MSBA was discussed by the committee.

Daniel Ruiz, Ken Pruitt (Energy Manager and Steve Nesterak (Facilities Director) will join the sustainability subcommittee.

#### **Public Forum Schedule**

- ◆ The First Public Forum is scheduled for Monday, September 24th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Arlington Town Hall.
- ◆ Forums for October, November and January to be determined.

#### **New Business**

Ryan Katofsky as part of the sustainability project would like to bring to the next meeting the representative of accelerate performance that works integrally with the design process on sustainability, Chuck, Lori and Ryan will bring additional information at the next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by John Cole seconded by Kate Loosian it was Voted to adjourn @ 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Secretary

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