

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 6, 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 (exited @ 7:00 pm)
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 (@6:15)
Steve Nesterak, Facilities Director (absent)
Judson Pierce, Community Member
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
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

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

Call to order: 6:00pm

Public Participation

- ◆ John Leonard –questioned what kind of plan will be put in place for job site security (i.e. to protect materials), plans for eliminate construction traffic – suggested placing staging at the ice rink so that private contract vehicles could be housed there and provide a shuttle to the site.
- ◆ Rachel Starks –Questioned if students only have 3 minutes to pass from class to class, how will they have the ability to collaborate.
- ◆ Leba Heigham – thanked the committee for the AHS TMM tours and information session – glad to hear that the main objective for the project is student learning and not on green space and the building as has been reported.
- ◆ Chris Loreti – no response to the ash building email – will not support and non-educational program in a debt exclusion.
- ◆ Carl Wagner –stated that the committee should seriously consider a longer period of reflection for community feedback.
- ◆ Sophie Borksten – resident of Schouler Court - concerned with street, noise considerations, would like to be informed around construction plans. Suggested having a separate meeting for neighbors. meeting.

SMEP Subcommittee Presentation

Ben Heymer from Seventhwave via Skype, Brendan Giza-Sisson from Eversource, Fran Boucher from National Grid, Nathaniel Dick from Eversource, Sean McGloin from National Grid.

Presented: A Review of Proposed Energy Performance Targets for the New AHS

- ◆ Adopt aggressive, but realistic, energy use targets early in the design process
- ◆ Site energy use intensity (EUI) at least 25% lower than code compliant building
- ◆ Position the new AHS to become an all-electric and net-zero energy building
- ◆ Achieve desired energy performance at no or low incremental cost
- ◆ **Discussed:**
- ◆ Program incentives
- ◆ Proposed AHS EUI Goal
- ◆ Other Key Energy Goals
- ◆ Proposed AHS EUI Goals

On a motion by Daniel Ruiz seconded by Brian Rehrig it was unanimously:

Voted to accept the Accelerated Performance Program as a basis for the committees' work ahead.

HMFH Update

- ◆ Site Design Progress
 - Site Plan 1 - allows for benches, greenery, covered bike space (86 spaces) and 240 parking spaces, includes a regulation baseball field.
 - Site Plan 2 – provides for another practice field, but only provides for 154 parking spaces, leaves the discussion of parking on the table i.e. the option of constructing a parking structure.

The committee agreed that all options should be explored. The Town Manager proposed that we move forward with site plan 1 to allow more time for cost analysis and exploration.

- ◆ Courtyard Light Study
 - Reviewed the Courtyard Light Study – Existing average light levels throughout the year and the Proposed Courtyard Light levels which will be comparable to the existing.
- ◆ Historic Study Use
 - Presented an amphitheater concept that incorporates the front columns and façade of the high school, An option that uses the columns in the auditorium itself and an option that incorporates the Fusco House façade into the .black box theater.
- ◆ Central Spine Use Concepts
 - HMFH presented an overview of the central spine concepts that showed:
The D-Lab, main entry, the lobby arty gallery, green roof, cafeteria forum stairs and learning commons.
 - The committee requested an acoustic study of this, noted that through this concept all areas could be seen/accessed with 3 minutes which could never be achieved with any other option except for 3A, this option is also consistent with the educational vision and respects the reused of historic elements.

Public Participation

Grant Cook stated that the central spine concepts helps to sell the educational vision and is very impressive.

Finance Subcommittee Update

Adam Chapdelaine reported that the subcommittee meets on Thursday and will be reviewing: updated budget projections, cost impacts of options presented by HMFH and potential budget reduction strategies.

Communications Update

- ◆ Reported that approximately 87 Town Meeting Members attended the AHS Tours and information session the previous night. There was good discussion and incredibly positive
- ◆ The committee continues outreach through PTO coffees.
- ◆ True Story Theatre will present at the Thompson School on November 7th at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ The next community forum is scheduled for November 27
- ◆ Discussed when the January/February forum should be scheduled – the committee must identify the goal of the forum before a date is scheduled. The subcommittee will work on this further.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Adam Chapdelaine seconded by Kate Loosian it was unanimously:
Voted to approve the meeting minutes of October 2, 2018.

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Voted to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2018.

New Business

The schematic design work plan was reviewed with key decisions and dates identified. The finance subcommittee will present the framework for potential cost savings and value engineering ideas at the November 20th building committee meeting. Committee members will receive materials beforehand for review and an hour will be set aside at the meeting for said discussion.

On a motion by Daniel Ruiz seconded by Kirsi Allison-Ampe it was unanimously:
Voted to adjourn @ 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

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