

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
AHS-School Committee Room-Sixth Floor
6:00 pm

Present: Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair (@7:30)
Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Co-vice chair (exited @ 7:30)
Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, Co-vice chair (@ 8:00)
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative
John Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Representative
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal (absent)
Steve Nesterak, Facilities Director (absent)
Judson Pierce, Community Member (absent)
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager
Brian Rehrig, Capital Planning Committee Member (via phone)
Daniel Ruiz, Community Member Representative
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative (@ 7:10)
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

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

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Public Participation

- ◆ Leba Heigham – thanked the committee for their continued work and requested that during the security design process the committee looks at preparing for security extremes.
- ◆ Carl Wagner – thanked the committee for their review, would not support an option without maintaining the front green, suggested plan B should be discussed and maintained, that the design to date is "the wrong solution for right problem."
- ◆ Ted Peluso – reviewed the content on the AHS building website dated from 2016. Urged the committee to get the job done, that \$100 million cannot be turned down, and continue with getting approval from Town Meeting and Town residents.
- ◆ Elizabeth Terry – commented that any compromise on lawn and façade would be appreciated by former AHS graduates.

Schematic Design

- ◆ Floor plan progress – developing floor plans were presented to the committee.

Site Design Direction Decision

Lori Cowles presented two site design options to the committee.

Plan A provides for 254 parking spaces including the location of play areas for the preschool and daycare.

Plan B reduces parking to 227 parking spaces and allows for more green but would mean the preschool daycare play structure would be located across the street.

The committee discussed both options in response to questions relative to the elimination of the basketball courts. Lori reported that universally the staff (Admin., AD, Principal) do not want the courts and concluded that they would not be needed for school activities. Concerns over the preschool and daycare drop off and play structure being across the street in option B were also discussed. The decision will be left to the preschool director.

As to whether there will be access to AHS from Grove Street or the installation of a light at Mill Street, Lori Cowles reported that they will meet with the Transportation Advisory Committee and pursue further analysis before making a recommendation.

On a motion by John Cole, seconded by Matthew Janger it was unanimously:
Voted to support Arlington High School Site Plan B presented by HMFH that includes 227 parking spaces and offers optimal field space.

Security Design Progress

Lori Cowles explained that the security team met and discussed the following:

- ◆ smart security cameras –for exterior with thermal imaging
- ◆ video surveillance –monitoring by exception
- ◆ exterior coverage: fields, parking, building perimeter
- ◆ interior coverage: corridors, stairs, large spaces
- ◆ access control: entry vestibule, card access, student ID card, video intercom

Emergency Generator

- ◆ The generator is for emergency use not emergency “shelter”
- ◆ The generator includes: emergency lighting, exit signs, fire alarm, telephone equipment, security system, IT equipment, kitchen walk-ins.
- ◆ Emergency use includes: lighting, ventilation, outlets in athletics wing/cafeteria/ kitchen/ main spine/lobby

Geotechnical/geo-environmental update

Lori reported that pre-characterization of soil and further existing foundation work is ongoing. Crews will be back on site during school break.

Finance Subcommittee Update – VE Discussion Continued

The subcommittee continues to have ongoing conversations on VE items, incremental reductions have been added. Discussion included:

- ◆ Adam Chapdelaine will meet with the DPW Director informing him that the IT Department will definitely be moving to the DPW.
- ◆ All of the items on the VE list were in the educational plan voted on by this committee.
- ◆ The School Committee is not interested in making any recommendations at this point and will be discussing the project during the next few meetings.
- ◆ The Town Manager has authorized a space study of the Parmenter School.

Sustainability Subcommittee Update

Ryan Katofsky presented a PowerPoint on Energy Modeling and discussed the following:

- ◆ High Performance Design
- ◆ Project Goals
- ◆ Energy and Use
- ◆ Energy Model Parameters
- ◆ Internal Loads
- ◆ Building Occupancy/Utilization Schedule
- ◆ Continuous Improvement
- ◆ Recommendations

The Sustainability Subcommittee will meet before the January 22nd meeting to determine what level will work for this project.

Communications Subcommittee Update

The subcommittee meeting is scheduled for December 20th to discuss the January 14th Community Forum. Community wide tours of Arlington High School is scheduled for January 9th. The subcommittee is also working on a series of blogs.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Kate Loosian, seconded by Adam Chapdelaine it was unanimously Voted to approve the meeting minutes of December 4, 2018.

New Business

None

On a motion by Adam Chapdelaine, seconded by Ryan Katofsky it was unanimously: Voted to adjourn @ 8:25 p.m.

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