

Campus Coordinating Group
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018

Attendees:

Chris Fasciano, School Building Committee Chair
Ellen Meyer Shorb, Community Center PPDC Chair
Owen Beenhouwer, At-Large PPDC Member
Craig Nicholson, At-Large School Building Committee Member
Becky McFall, School Superintendent

Absent:

Tim Higgins, Town Administrator

Public:

Jennifer Glass, Select, School Building Committee
Tim Christenfeld, School Committee Chair, School Building Committee

Convened in the Superintendent's Offices in the Hartwell Building at approximately 7:35 a.m.

SBC Update

Chris Fasciano provided an update on the latest School Building Committee meeting which was held on April 25th. The SBC has requested an additional design concept from the design team which removes any restrictions related to existing building spaces and targets an \$85M cap. Additionally, according to Chris, the SBC discussed the incorporation of the net zero pricing into the overall budget estimates as the planning moves forward.

In addition to the above, the other item of note from the SBC meeting that was discussed was the planning for June 9th and the intended approach that the SBC will take related to presenting the projects and making a final selection. The SBC has agreed to conduct a recorded vote to determine the two most supported options which will then be put forth for further discussion before taking a final standing vote.

The SBC is discussing an additional forum in May which could include the new \$85M concept that SMMA was asked to work on during the April 25th SBC meeting. The date for this forum has not yet been confirmed.

PPDC Update

Ellen Meyer Shorb provided an update on the latest PPDC meeting at which they discussed their plan for June 9th and whether the PPDC will proceed with asking residents to vote on one option at the June 9th Special Town Meeting. Jennifer Glass suggested that the benefit of having a vote and direction is that it will help to inform future site planning associated with the school project. Additional discussion surrounded the phasing of the projects and what impact a potential delay might have on the design process for the Community Center. Owen Beenhouwer reminded the committee that a previous design had been completed for the Community Center approximately three years ago and if the project is delayed will there be a desire to revisit the latest design.

April 30th Multi-Board/Finance & Capital Planning Committee Meeting

The SBC is finalizing responses to the questions raised by the Finance Committee in advance of the April 30th meeting. The committee discussed the proposed agenda for the Multi-Board meeting and whether the individual committees are anticipated to present and provide handouts beyond the responses to the briefing document. It was agreed that very brief updates would be provided by both the SBC and PPDC but that the focus will be on reviewing and discussing the briefing document and planning for June 9th. Jennifer is updating the briefing document on behalf of the SBC and Ellen will be updating it for the PPDC.

June 9th Special Town Meeting

The committee discussed the proposed agenda for June 9th which is beginning to take shape. The schedule will include introductions from both committees. The SBC will then proceed with presenting the concepts being brought forth for consideration followed by a brief process discussion about how the voting and decision-making process at the Special Town Meeting will occur. A recorded vote will then be conducted with the top 2 vote recipients moving forward for discussion and ultimately a final standing vote. Ellen suggested that time be allotted for points of clarification following the initial presentation of the concepts and prior to the recorded vote which would allow for clarifying questions but not for open discussion/debate about the concepts.

It is agreed that both committees will be conducting extensive outreach in the weeks ahead to inform the residents regarding cost for the various concepts in advance of June 9th.

The committee also discussed the logistics of June 9th as it relates to the potential attendance and need for overflow into Reed Gym and possibly Smith Gym. A process for allowing questions and voting is being developed so that everyone in attendance is afforded the opportunity to participate in the discussion and so that voting can happen efficiently across potentially multiple spaces.

Minutes from April 12th

The Minutes from the April 12th meeting were approved unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted, by Craig Nicholson