

ZERVAS SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (ZSBC) & DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) JOINT MEETING				MEETING MINUTES	
Newton Ed Center, Room 210					
April 9, 2015					
6:00 PM					
ATTENDEES:					
NAME	ZSBC	PRESENT	NAME	ASSOCIATION	PRESENT
Diana Beck	ZSBC	Y	Peter Barrer	DRC	Y
Arthur Cohen	ZSBC, DRC	Y	William Eldredge	DRC	---
Deb Crossley (Alderman)	ZSBC, DRC	Y	Robert Franchi	DRC	---
Diana Fisher Gomberg	ZSBC	Y	Tom Gloria	DRC	Y
David Fleishman	ZSBC	---	James Freas	DRC	---
Ruthanne Fuller (Alderman)	ZSBC	Y	Jonathan Kantar	DRC	Y
Sandra Guryan	ZSBC, DRC	Y	Andrea Kelley	DRC	---
Maureen Lemieux (CFO)	ZSBC	---	Ellen Light	DRC	Y
Joshua Morse (NPB)	ZSBC, DRC	Y	Marc Resnick	DRC	Y
Chris Neal	ZSBC	Y	Eve Tapper	DRC	---
Nicholas Read	ZSBC	---	Caroline Wilson	DRC	Y
John Rice (Alderman)	ZSBC	Y			
Margie Ross Decter	ZSBC	Y	Jeffery Luxenberg	JLA	Y
Steven Siegel	ZSBC, DRC	Y	Tom Murphy	JLA	Y
Anne Snelling Lee	ZSBC	Y	Melissa Gagnon	JLA	Y
Setti Warren, Mayor	ZSBC	---			
Dori Zaleznik	ZSBC	Y	Dave Finney	DPC	Y
Carol Chafetz	NPS	Y	Robert Bell	DPC	Y
Mike Cronin	NPS	Y	Joe Drown	DPC	---
Alex Valcarce	NPB	Y			
Ouida Young (Law Dept)	CITY	---	Jonathan Yeo	ZWG	---

Newton Public Schools called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2014 ZSBC+DRC Joint Meeting

MOTION: D. Fisher Gomberg moved, seconded by J. Morse, that the February 24, 2015 meeting minutes be approved. **The vote was unanimous in favor (10-0-0)**

2. Design Development Update

Cost Estimate Update

T. Murphy, JLA presented a spreadsheet showing a summary of the recent Design Development cost estimates. The estimates had been reconciled with each other and the total values were very close and

both within the budget. There were a few general questions from Committee members about the estimating process and a brief discussion about the final numbers.

Site Plan, Floor Plans and Elevations Update

R. Bell, DPC presented drawings summarizing the status of the design at the Design Development stage.

- The site plan showed the refined seating and planting design, which incorporated bermed landforms with no-mow grass in some areas in lieu of plantings.
- The design team reported that and based on recent meetings with NPS and City organizations they are looking at a design incorporating 3 separate playground areas, one of which is intended to be an area that incorporates more natural element rather than standard playground equipment. Further meetings will be scheduled with educators, selected parent groups, Newton Parks & Rec and NPB to participate in the design development of the playground areas and equipment.
- The team also reported on the recent Board of Alderman + School Committee presentation and some comments that were offered. The fence along Beethoven street was discussed briefly and Committee members felt that the final recommended design should keep educators concerns and maintenance in mind.
- The current floor plans were presented and briefly discussed. There were minimal revisions from the last iterations that were presented to the Committee. DPC noted that they would be scheduling meetings in the coming month to review the designs with teachers, staff and other users.

3. Public Comment

It was reported that communication had been received from Karen and Saul Freeberg with comments regarding the location and height of the new building and the preference for organic screening. The City had communicated back to the Freebergs. The design team reported that the new building face is in alignment with the existing building face. It is a taller building but most of the mass is set back from the edge of the building footprint.

4. ZSBC+DRC Comment

In response to a question about security the design team reported that they had met with Newton Police and Fire Departments along with NPS and NPB to review the security system and building design. Sight lines, equipment, camera location and operation were discussed in detail. It was noted that the system will include enhancements from the current systems.

Committee members requested that exterior materials be presented to the SBC at a future meeting for review and discussion. Members also requested that the bidding process be communicated to the SBC as that process evolves as well.

Committee members expressed they were pleased with the current design and felt the design team has done great job.

5. ZSBC to Vote to Approve 100% Design Development Package and Budget to Allow the Project to Proceed to Construction Documents

MOTION: D. Crosley moved, seconded by D. Beck to approve the 100% Design Development package and budget and allow the design team to proceed to the Construction Documents phase. The vote was unanimous in favor. (10-0-0)

6. Adjournment

MOTION: At 7:00PM, R. Fuller moved, seconded by J. Morse, that the meeting be adjourned. **The vote was unanimous in favor (10-0-10).**

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murphy
Joslin, Lesser + Associates, Inc.

[End of 04/09/15 Meeting Minutes]

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