

Meeting Minutes
Farmington High School Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Online- Web Conference
6:30 P.M.

Attendees:

Meg Guerrera, Chair
Sharon Mazzochi
Garth Meehan
Michael Smith
Johnny Carrier
Ellen Siuta
Beth Kintner
Kathy Greider, Superintendent
Alicia Bowman, Asst. Superintendent of Finance and Operations
Scott Hurwitz, FHS Principal
Lisa Kapcinski, FHS Assistant Principal
Devon Aldave, Clerk of the Committee
Mark Garilli, Construction Solutions Group
Michael Scott, TSKP Studio
Ryszard Szczypek, TSKP Studio

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

The committee members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment.

Pierre Guertin, 12 Henley Commons, thanked the committee for their efforts. He stated that the needs of this project are real and can't be postponed indefinitely. He urged the committee to be prepared with the best possible scenario of options for the Town Council to consider. He stated that we are in a period of historically low bond interest costs and he believes that there will be an eagerness of work from the construction community which may be beneficial to this project. He suggested that options that might lower the cost profile to the lower-end of the net municipal cost range could be important for the Town Council to consider in these uncertain fiscal times. He appreciated that the base model of the last architect presentation included the demolition of the 1928 Building which he supports. He stated that the demolition of the 1928 Building frees up more space for the campus. He stated providing the options for mothballing and refurbishing the 1928 Building is helpful for the Town in making a decision regarding what to do with this building. He stated that there is a fair amount of cost associated with the 900 Wing of the plan, and he believes people may raise questions about whether \$6 million should be used for this space. He suggested that Central Office could be located and leased elsewhere.

D. Minutes.

1) To approve the attached May 27, 2020 minutes.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Mazzochi/Siuta) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the May 27, 2020 minutes.

E. Correspondence.

1) Correspondence Received 5/26/2020 – 6/8/2020

Meg received a personal communication which is recorded with minutes as Attachment A.

F. Reports.

1) Chair Report.

Meg Guerrero reported that Garth Meehan submitted a letter of resignation due to him relocating out of the Town of Farmington. Meg thanked Garth for his dedication to the project. She stated he brought levity to the group and his design expertise was extremely helpful. Meg stated that the Town Council will address appointing a new committee member in the coming weeks.

Johnny Carrier thanked Garth and stated that he will be missed.

Ellen Siuta stated that Garth will be missed and that she appreciated his design input to this point. She stated that she is happy for him and his family and appreciated his service on this committee.

Sharon Mazzochi stated that Garth will be missed and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Beth Kintner thanked Garth for his time on the committee and appreciated his input and perspective.

Garth Meehan thanked everyone and stated that he really enjoyed working with the committee and our professional partners. He appreciated the collaboration and cooperation. He stated that the pause can be used to improve upon the project and wished everyone well moving forward.

Meg Guerrero congratulated the Farmington High School Class of 2020 and wished them well with their upcoming graduation at the Farmington Polo Grounds.

Ellen Siuta congratulated Garth as his youngest daughter is part of the Class of 2020 and wished her all the best.

2) Communications Subcommittee Report.

Kathy Greider thanked Meg for thinking of the Class of 2020 and thanked Garth and his family for their contributions to the Farmington community. Kathy stated that the Communications Subcommittee will

be meeting tomorrow and will update the committee at the next meeting.

3) Board of Education Liaison Report.

Beth Kintner stated that the last Board of Ed meeting of the school year will be held on June 15th. As the Building Committee continues to meet during the summer, Beth and Ellen will update the Board of Ed accordingly.

4) Town Council Liaison Report.

No report.

5) Architect Report.

Michael Scott stated that TSKP Studio received a few comments from committee members via email about the schematic design report. TSKP Studio will make those revisions. Michael stated that TSKP Studio is available at the committee's pleasure and discretion.

Meg Guerrera stated that this is an opportunity to ask questions upon the review of the full documentation that TSKP Studio provided. Meg wanted to make sure that there is full clarity about the 1928 Building, that demolition of the 1928 Building is built into the current cost estimates, but also add-on cost information is provided.

Michael Scott stated that one of the comments was unclear in Section 3 of the report. To clarify, the base project includes abatement and demolition of the 1928 Building in full for an estimated \$415,000 of associated construction costs. Mothball and renovation costs are alternates. The alternates add additional costs on top of the \$415,000.

The committee members had no further questions.

Michael Scott stated that the lack of additional questions demonstrates the consensus that the committee was able to build.

6) Owner's Representative Report.

Mark Garilli stated that CSG looks forward to continuing to work with everyone and will share information CSG learns industry-wide and statewide.

G. New Business.

1) To approve the standing agenda items.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Mazzochi/Meehan) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the standing agenda items.

Meg stated that these agenda items will be included on meeting agendas throughout the project pause. Meg reviewed the standing agenda items which were included in the agenda packet.

2) To discuss content for the "landing page" on the committee website and overall communications plan.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Mazzochi/Meehan) it was unanimously VOTED: to discuss content for the "landing page" on the committee website and overall communications plan.

Meg Guerrero presented a document which outlined topics to be included on the landing page. This document is recorded with these minutes as Attachment B.

Beth Kintner stated that this document will help guide the discussion in tomorrow's Communications Subcommittee meeting.

3) To approve funding for future Town-wide communications in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Carrier/Mazzochi) the FHS Building Committee unanimously VOTED: to approve funding for future Town-wide communications in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Meg Guerrero stated that these funds will be used for the printing and mailing of a town-wide postcard.

4) To approve the attached invoice from Construction Solutions Group (CSG) in the amount of \$10,569.00.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Mazzochi/Meehan) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the attached invoice from Construction Solutions Group in the amount of \$10,569.00.

5) To approve the attached invoice from TSKP Studio in the amount of \$52,000.00.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Carrier/Mazzochi) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the attached invoice from TSKP Studio in the amount of \$52,000.00.

H. Adjournment.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Mazzochi/Carrier) it was unanimously VOTED: to adjourn at 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devon Aldave
Clerk of the Committee

From: **Donna Baily** <cluedabear@aol.com>
Date: Wed, May 27, 2020 at 5:09 PM
Subject: FHS building committee
To: megguerrera@gmail.com <megguerrera@gmail.com>

I finally found a "floor" plan for 900 building at a cost of \$5.9 million. Not sure I understand why this building needs to be redone. Too much space for BOE.

This project was for a school and the students. I understand maybe the lockers but aren't there other lockers in the actual school building? Perhaps the land space could be used for the softball field or additional parking which is in demand.

I also found costs for the 1928 building mothballing or redo except one for a cost to demolish. Is that figure available?

It seems like comments from the public are not addressed.

Donna Baily

DRAFT: FHSBC Website - Pause Landing Page Content Outline:

Process Roadmap including steps outlined below

- Link out to deliverables associated to each step in the process
 - Include completion dates and forward planning dates
1. Statement of Needs Defined
 - Statement of Needs Doc
 - Side-by-side photos (?)
 2. Building Committee Charge Defined
 - TC Charge
 3. Building Committee Members Appointed
 - Link to webpage
 4. Conceptual Designs and Recommendation
 - Explanation of conceptual design competition
 - Links to all 6 conceptual design presentations
 - Link to Town Council Recommendation presentation
 5. Schematic Design
 - Current Schematic Design Docs
 - Neighborhood Presentation
 6. Pause (We are here!)
 - Definition and expected working during pause
 - Meeting Schedule and standing agenda items
 7. Town Council sets referendum date
 8. Prepare for referendum
 9. Town Referendum Vote

Links to Important Resources

- Meeting Minutes and Agendas
- Sign up here for email notifications