

Franklin School Building Committee Minutes

January 25, 2012

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Mercer

Attendance: Mr. Feeley, Mr. Mason, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Sabolinski, Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Nutting, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Goode, Mr. Halter, Ms. Collins and Mrs. Mullen. Also in attendance were Sean Fennell, Owners Project Manager, Jim Jordan from Ai3 Architects and Andrew Chagnon from Pare Corporation as well as Tina Powderly from the Town Council. Mr. Light, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Leblanc were not in attendance.

General Business:

No motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2011 School Building Committee meeting as we approved at meeting for submission to MSBA.

A motion was made to approve 5 invoices from Ai3 Architects.

Motion: Mr. Feeley

Second: Mr. Cafasso

Approve: 11

A motion was made to approve one invoice from Daedalus Projects.

Motion: Mr. Feeley

Second: Mr. Goode

Approve: 11

Presentation:

Mr. Mercer and Mr. Nutting updated the Committee on the MSBA Board Meeting held on January 25, 2012. MSBA approved the Scope and Project Budget for the Model FHS project with no changes.

Ai3 Architect Jim Jordan updated the project schedule:

- Round 1 of design meetings completed with FHS administration, staff and Community members.
- Round 2: Dates are February 9th, 10th and 17th.
- Round 3: Dates are March 8th and 9th.
- Kitchen Design: Meeting on January 27th.

Other meetings to be scheduled: Review of External Amenities and landscape meetings to design courtyard space.

Technology and System Team will meet to review safety systems – this group will include DPW, Police, Fire, Engineering and Building personnel. This team will review safety systems and access to building by emergency vehicles.

Also, there will be a separate meeting to review all mechanical, electrical and plumbing recommendations.

Review of Site Planning: Mr. Chagnon discussed the improvements they have made and what they will continue to work on with regards to improving circulation around the site. Mr. Mercer would like them to continue looking at how to improve the traffic flow in and out of the Horace Mann complex and how they will connect the two complexes. Mr. Chagnon did mention that there will be a bus loop from the middle school to the high school so that the buses will not need to exit out onto Oak Street to enter back into the high school. It was determined that a meeting will take place with the DPW and the principals of both the Oak Street elementary and Horace Mann Middle school as well as the High School principal to further discuss traffic flow issues. Mr. Nutting also suggested putting in raised tables on the roadways into and out of the high school so as to avoid it becoming a cut through. Mr. Chagnon also noted that they are looking at using a modified wood guardrail as a means to stop traffic from getting onto the multi-use fields. The ball fields as well as the multi-use field will be lit. Mr. Mercer asked for a 3-D rendering of what the lights would look like on the multi-use field. He also asked Mr. Chagnon to forward to him what the storage containers will look like at the site.

Mr. Jordan gave the Committee an update on the building floor plans. As a result of the programming meetings, changes have been made to the floor plans since the last meeting. Mr. Jordan went over the proposed changes with the Committee. Mr. Mercer asked for a PDF form showing the recycling areas. The Committee agreed that they would like to explore the cost of adding two more bleachers to the gymnasium. Mrs. Sabolinski noted how flexible the spaces are – if enrollment increases – there is a lot of flexibility to interchange rooms.

Mr. Mercer noted that he and Mr. Nutting have spoken to several groups regarding this project with several more speaking engagements scheduled. He noted that on March 8, 2012, there will be a presentation at the Horace Mann Middle School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Mr. Mercer will give a history of the project and Mr. Jordan will discuss the building design. He noted that this is a great opportunity for people to see why we are replacing the school and not renovating. Before the meeting, the public is invited to tour the high school from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Mr. Mercer also noted that he would like to do something special in the entrance area of the new building. He came up with the idea of taking a brick from each building that once served as the high school – the Brick School, Davis Thayer, Horace Mann and the current school as well as a brick from the Library since it serves as an inspiration for the design of the new building.

A motion was made to implement Mr. Mercer’s idea of creating a collage of bricks from the Brick School, Davis Thayer and HMMS as a historical marker of all schools that once served as FHS.

Motion: Mr. Feeley
Approve: 11

Second: Mr. Cafasso

It was noted that the architects will explore the possibility of having a memorial in the wall or on the floor of the FHS foyer.

Lastly, a motion was made that the Franklin High School Building Committee recommends to the Franklin Town Council that they schedule a special election on March 27, 2012 for the purpose of voting a “Debt Exclusion” question to secure funding for the new Franklin High School.

Motion: Mr. Feeley

Second: Mr. Cafasso

Approve: 11

Mr. Nutting noted that the Town Council will meet next Wednesday and is expected to authorize the bond, establish an election date and put the question on the ballot. Mr. Mercer asked that all Committee members try and make the Town Council meeting next week – noting that this will be one of the big public sessions. Mr. Mercer will give a history of the project and Mr. Jordan will discuss the design of the building. It is also expected that several groups will come and speak on behalf of the project.

Meeting Dates: The next School Building Committee is scheduled for February 27, 2012 at 7 p.m. A meeting has also been scheduled for March 26, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Feeley

Second: Mr. Goode

Approve: 11

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker