

MINUTES

date: 6.12.2019

meeting date: 6.12.2019 – 7:00 PM **at:** School Committee Room, Brookline Town Hall

re: Brookline High School Expansion Project – BHS Advisory Building Committee

attendees: BHS Expansion Advisory Building Committee (Committee)
George Cole, Nancy Heller, Susan Wolf Ditkoff, Andrew Bott, Ray Masak, Anthony Meyer, Jenee Ramos, Lakia Rutherford, Daniel Bennett, Matthew Oudens, Nancy O'Connor, Faith Dantowitz,

Absent – Mel Kleckner, Jordan Watts, Ian Roffman, Nicole Gittens, Mary Ellen Normen, Bobbie Knable

Guest: Andrea Parzen

William Rawn Associates (WRA) – Andrew Jonic, Sam Lasky, Josh Burgel, Christian Lemon

Hill International, Inc. (Hill) – Andy Felix, Andy Vo

Skanska (SKA) – Ellese Lunde, Mike Gear, Thomas Hale, Chris Hersey

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attachment: Brookline High School Expansion Advisory Committee Meeting, June 12, 2019 slide show, by WRA/SKA

item: topic:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Nancy Heller motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the April 22, 2019 BHS Expansion Advisory Building Committee (Committee) meeting. Seconded by Anthony Meyer. All in favor.

2. Budget and Schedule Update:

1. Nancy Heller stated that the project is currently \$7.5M over the construction budget based on the 60% CD reconciled cost estimate. The project team is working on the value engineering list to help get the project back on budget without reducing programs. Currently the project cannot add any new scope due to budget constraint.
2. Nancy Heller mentioned that The Town of Brookline voted and approved the easement at Brookline Hill Station.
 - a. 100% Platform package will be submitted to MBTA for review on July 1, 2019.
3. William Rawn Associates (design team) presented the overall project schedule. The project is on schedule and construction will start to increase as soon as the buildings are vacated.
4. Skanska presented the three month look ahead schedule.

Below are updates for construction activities at STEM:

 - a. Courtyard work at STEM has started on June 10th, 2019.
 - b. There will be no construction activity on June 18 and 19 due to final exam.
 - c. Electrical and HVAC make safe and relocation will occur at STEM in July to prepare for demolition in August 2019.
 - d. Fencing and Abatement of Roberts Wing will start after school is out June 21st.

- e. Foundation work will start in July 2019.

Below are construction update for Cypress Building:

- a. Temp fencing will start on June 24, 2019.
- b. Utility disconnects will start 2nd week of July, 2019.
- c. Start ductbank relocation work at MBTA.
- d. Demolition will start in July 2019.
- e. The MBTA work is currently on schedule.
 - a. Enabling work will start at mid-July 2019. The MBTA catenary relocation is required to build Cypress Building over the railroad.
 - b. Skanska confirmed that access to the Brookline Hill Station will always be available to the public. ADA walkway, lighting, safety and signage will always be available.
 - c. Access to the MBTA platform will be moved.
 - d. Team coordinating selective shutdowns/piggybacking requests to MBTA to minimize service disruption.
 - e. Skanska will protect existing ductbank while doing construction at OCS and Platform.
 - f. The MBTA parking and fare vending equipment will be relocated during construction.
 - g. Schedule shutdown will be provided by the MBTA.
- f. Skanska presented the logistic plans to the Building Committee:
 - a. Sidewalk will be closed at Cypress Street and Brington Road.
 - b. Sidewalk at STEM will not be available during construction. Existing crosswalk will be removed and replace with temporary crosswalk on Greenough closer to High School entrance.
 - c. There will be police details available during construction.
 - d. There will be no parking at corner of Brington Road.
 - e. A resident noted that that the box at crosswalk at Brington Road and on Route 9 needs to be repainted. This is not part of the Brookline High School Expansion Project. ToB will inform the State regarding Route 9; ToB DPW will address the painted box at Cypress/Brington Rd.
 - f. Skanska stated that the small truck deliveries will happen in June and big truck deliveries will start in July.
 - g. Hydraulic excavator will be used for demolition. There will be no explosive or wrecking ball.
 - h. Dust and rodent controls will be used during construction. Once the construction fence is installed rodent traps will be set.
 - i. Construction update will be available on the project website.
- g. WRA & Lemon Brooke provided update to the Building Committee on the Cypress Building Plaza. The proposed design is pending budget approval.
 - a. There are Eight MBTA parking spaces and 16 Town parking spaces.
 - b. Crosswalk will be widened and moved to align with Cypress Field Path. Three parking spaces are proposed to be removed to achieve this design.
 - c. The Cypress Plaza has been enlarged and new drop-off lane to be added.
 - d. Some fencing sections have been reduced to allow direct access to Platform.
 - e. The Cypress Plaza is a sloped path due to grade changes. Slope will be close to 5%.
 - f. Design team to review options at the plaza for the visually-impaired patrons. ToB noted that the MBTA has free app tailored to the visually-impaired riders.
 - g. Lemon Brooked stated that the curbing will be available as guidance for the visually-impaired. The public requested for hand rail bar at the ramp; Design team will review.
 - h. Blue bikes will be available at the plaza. There is currently 32 bike racks available for the Cypress Plaza and MBTA Platform.
 - i. The plaza will have color concrete to match the Cypress Field.
 - j. Benches are available for both inbound and outbound at the covered platforms.

- k. Current step plaza design will have options for future design changes to meet new regulation.
- l. This latest plaza design is subject to review comments by MBTA, as well as Transportation Board upcoming meetings.
 - 1. Scott Englander asked if more parking spaces can be removed to make the plaza bigger. This will create equity and encourage more T riders. Scott requested the nine additional parking spaces to be removed and turned into more plaza spaces.
 - 2. Increasing the plaza size and reducing the parking area will cost more money to construct. Nancy Heller stated that maintaining the project budget is a priority. Additional Street parking permits should be added if parking spaces at the MBTA station are reduced.
 - 3. Susan Wolf Ditkoff stated that the teacher's parking spaces are already beyond a half mile radius from the high school. It was suggested by the community that parking permits on Elm Street should be provided to teachers.
 - 4. Tappan St has 53 spaces. 11 spaces will be removed. UAB lot has 30 spaces. 16 spaces will be removed. There are 2 spaces (accessible) have been added to the Cypress site so the net loss for project A is 14.
 - 5. Nancy reminded the public that the project is \$7.5M over the budget and the project needs to prioritize on school program.
- m. John Dempsey requested that the access on Brighton Road should be a route not a pathway.
- n. William Rawn Associates presented two new possible value engineering design options at Tappan Building for cost savings to help bring the project back on budget.
 - i. Possible design #1 with \$2.75M savings. This design moves the Community Wellness Center from the front of Tappan Building toward the middle of the building near the Fitness Center and Dance Studio.
 - ii. Possible design #2 with \$2M savings. This design moves Community Wellness Center from the west of Tappan Building to the east side of Tappan adjacent to Dance Studio and Fitness Center. The Dance Studio on this design option is also being moved to the north side of Tappan Building and the Fitness Center moved to the south of Dance Studio.
 - iii. The Advisory Building Committee requested the design team to provide addition design options at Tappan Building for review.
 - iv. Since Tappan VE is eliminating exterior entrance work, team was asked to still consider some minimal improvements to light up the "dark" exterior of Tappan and make it feel like it's still part of the "new cohesive campus" feel.

3. Next meeting:

TBD.

4. Adjourn

- B. George Cole motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Anthony Meyer. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.