

CITY OF BEVERLY

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Board: Beverly School Building Committee – Meeting #19
Joint Meeting of the School Building Committee, Beverly School
Committee

Date: March 08, 2016

Location: Beverly High School, Media Center 100 Sohier Road – 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Michael Cahill
Kris Silverstein, School Committee President
Paul Manzo, Beverly School Committee
Jenifer Badershall, School Building Committee Member
George Binns, School Building Committee Member
Stacy Bucyk, Director Special Education
Janet Chrisos, School Building Committee Member
Maria Decker, School Building Committee Member
Denise Deschamps, Economic Development Planner, City of Beverly
Betsey Desmond, School Building Committee
Roy Gelineau, School Building Committee Member
Dr. Stephen Hiersche, Superintendent of Schools
Stephanie Williams, Beverly City Solicitor
Judy Miller, Director of Technology, Beverly Public Schools
Matthew Poska, Briscoe Middle School Principal
Joseph Remondi, School Building Committee Member
Jean Sherburne, Director of Finance and Operations, Beverly Public Schools
Sue Charochak, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Todd Surette, School Building Committee
Lorinda Visnick, School Committee Member
L. Scott Dunlap, Ai3 Architects, Partner
Troy Randall, Ai3 Architects, Partner
Mark Lydon, Heery
Bob Gilchrist

Recorder: Eileen Sacco

Mayor Cahill calls the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and asks those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cahill notes that this meeting is Co-hosted with the Beverly School Committee of the Whole and asks Ms. Silverstein to call the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

Ms. Silverstein calls the Beverly School Committee Meeting of the Whole to order at this time.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the BSBC meeting held on February 9, 2015 were presented for approval.

Lydon explains that some revisions were made to the minutes that were distributed to members at the request of Jenifer Badershall who requested revisions to the minutes clarify some of her comments.

Motion: Binns moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Beverly School Building Committee meeting as amended. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. The motion carries.

OPM/Designer Update

Lydon reported that the budget report is included in the members' packets. He notes that the project continues to be on budget and as the project moves along members will see the expenses reflected in the budget updates.

Lydon reported that the project is on schedule and the abatement and demolition continue. He explains that the internal demolition is complete and many of the windows have been removed. He also reported that the utilities have been shut off on the site.

Lydon reported that the pile driving and early packages are out and the bids are due back March 16, 2016. He also notes that they are meeting with the Geotechnical Engineer and the Civil Engineer tomorrow.

Lydon reported that the Peer Review of the Structural Design is underway. He notes that they have received comments and will respond to them and the Structural Engineer will respond to them.

Lydon reported that the proposals from the material testing firms have been received and they are reviewing the proposals and they expect to have a recommendation by April 1, 2016 so that they will be on board for the pile driving.

Maria Decker asked if there has been any recycling of the materials from the deconstruction of the building. Lydon deferred to Gilchrist who reported that a majority of the materials being removed from the site are being recycled. He explained that all of the materials are stored offsite and estimated that they average 94-97% on recycling materials from their jobs.

Ai3 Report

Scott Dunlap addresses the Committee and states that there is a lot of activity going on at the site and tonight they will be presenting a summary of the work being done.

Dunlap reported that since the last meeting they have made a presentation to the Beverly School Committee on February 10, 2016. Randall reported that they talked about the status of the

integration of the educational program and the design of the floor plan and where they are headed.

Kris Silverstein noted that BevCam filmed the presentation and stated that the School Committee appreciated the presentation.

Randall explained that they met with the Security and Technology Committee on February 4, 2016 and explained that they continued discussions on the classroom technology and security within the building. He notes that they are looking at various options for teaching today while trying to project the future. He notes that they are looking at interactive programs, flat panel TV's, Apple TV, and LCD interactives.

Dunlap states that technology is a little hard to decide on at this point and notes that they want to make sure that they build an infrastructure that will support what is eventually selected.

Mayor Cahill reported that the security meeting was the second extensive meeting that has been held and it will not be the last. Dunlap states that they do not want to discuss security publicly for safety reasons. He also reported that Judy Miller has been making several field trips to review technology for the school. Miller states that she has been getting some very good information.

Randall recalled that at the last meeting they reported that additional borings would be done as part of the Geotechnical survey. He states that the borings were done and they have gathered more detailed information on the location and the area of the building footprint and are refining the documents. He also notes that the pile driving work is out to bid.

Randall reported that the MSBA has contracted with BR + A as Commissioning Agent for the project. BR + A Design Development Review comments have been received and have been responded to.

Randall explains that this is the first project that has been done using a Revit model and notes that there is value in seeing all that is going on and is helpful in coordination of the project.

Dunlap reported that a meeting was held regarding the student's personal storage space on February 23, 2016. He notes that the administration is having ongoing discussions regarding this and are taking the comments of School Building Committee members into account.

Dunlap explains that the auditorium and theater design is being worked on and they are working with Judy Miller and the middle school music teacher on equipment for the space. He notes that they are looking at audio visual projectors, micro lighting and are looking to make the space as user friendly as possible.

Jenifer Badershall asks if they will be providing hearing devices for the hearing impaired. Dunlap states that they will be providing assisted listening devices.

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Dunlap reported that they have met on the kitchen and food service areas and are planning on meeting again in 2-3 weeks. He reported that they are working on the food service area design and thinking about things such as sequence of deliveries.

Dunlap reported that the Green Team has met and are working with JRM the City's trash contractor to talk about recycling trash programs in the classrooms. He also notes that they are looking at a cafeteria recycling program as well. He notes that they are discussing details and looking at mobile carts.

Ms. Visnick asked if the recycling discussions include incorporating composting. Dunlap states that are looking at composting and recycling in the neighborhoods as well.

Badershall asks about security for recycling and the placement of the bins, questioning how often the recycling will be collected. She notes that some communities prefer not to have recycling in the corridors. Dunlap states that they will take a look at that.

Badershall asks if the school will be called Beverly Middle School or is there some other name being considered. Mayor Cahill reported that they are discussing that noting that they wish to continue to pay homage to the names Briscoe and Memorial and they are looking at ways to do that.

Dunlap reported that DEP reached out to the City regarding the wetland on Balch Street and their concern about the stormwater piping and the possibility of the wetland drying up. Mayor Cahill reported that the City was able to provide them with documentation on what is going on at the site and DEP was satisfied. He also notes that it was a good example of the City and the State working together and credited City Planner Aaron Clausen, Environmental Planner Amy Maxner, Commissioner of Public Services Mike Collins and City Engineer Greg St. Louis for taking the lead on this.

Dunlap reported that they are coordinating with BevCam regarding space in the Library for a work area and hope to integrate them into that space. He states that they are looking for the space to be functional for the broadcast of meetings in that space.

Dunlap reviewed the list of day to day activities and details that go on during the project.

Dunlap reported that they have reached out to product representatives for terrazzo flooring. He notes that there are two representatives that they have been in touch with. He also notes that they are looking at polished concrete, draperies and interior shades, Armstrong ceilings, and Idea paint. He explains that the Idea Paint is in place of marker boards and notes that it allows for more flexibility and locations. He also notes that they are looking at carpeting and flooring materials.

Dunlap reported that early package #2 for the steel driven piles and related site work is in process.

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Dunlap reported that they are reviewing the energy efficiency report and notes that the building as currently designed is projected to be a 21.4% energy cost savings. He reported that this building will be 35% more energy efficient than Beverly High School is noting that there are numerous energy design features.

Mayor Cahill asks if there are any questions from members of the Committee at this time.

George Binns questions the 21.4% energy savings and asks what it is relative to. Dunlap explains that there is an energy code and notes that it sets the bar high.

Janet Chrisos questions if they are working with the utility companies on energy incentives. Dunlap states that they have been working with National Grid since the beginning of the project and note that the next step is to identify improvements. He notes that National Grid has been working to the max with them on this.

Maria Decker asks if the building will be air conditioned. Dunlap states that it will be air conditioned. He explains that there will be a dehumidification systems and full air conditioning in the administrative area and the library.

Jenifer Badershall asks if the bus depot will have security. Dunlap states that there will be cameras and lighting at the bus depot.

Gilchrist addresses the Committee and reports that the internal demolition is near completion and the windows are being taken out. He also reported that the wall of the auditorium is down and several trucks are on the site hauling materials away. He estimated that the building should be down by the end of the month. He explains that the gymnasium will come down later and notes that the whole building should be down by mid-April but they are targeting the end of the month.

Gilchrist reports that they will be backfilling the auditorium site and crawl space to raise the grade. He explained that test pits will be done in April and will test the depth of the bedrock. He notes that they are getting a lot accomplished due to the mild winter.

Gilchrist reported that they will be starting structural piles and early site work next month. He explains that the current estimate for piles is 1,280 and the lengths will vary between 50-70 feet. He estimated that they will get 20-25 piles in per day and should take about 10-12 weeks. He also notes that they hope to have the Cabot Street wing done by May so that they can start the foundation.

Maria Decker asks if the multi-media maker space will be open to the community. Mayor Cahill explains that they are looking into that. He notes that they are looking at after school use by students and community use but they have to sort out the policies and procedures.

Roy Gelineau asks if there has been any further discussion has been held regarding the lockers vs. no lockers discussion. Mayor Cahill reported that discussions have been held and they are looking at it further. He notes that they are not ready to make a decision on that at this time. He

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also notes that the decision will be made by the administration noting that the more feedback from the School Building Committee received the better.

Jenifer Badershall asked if there are any plans to dedicate any space in the building to anyone. Mayor Cahill stated that they have not had those conversations. Badershall asks if there is a way for the community to get involved noting that she worked with one community that had a “Buy a Brick” program.

Mayor Cahill noted that there are plaques in the schools that they are looking at new locations for to continue the memorials. He states that they will take a look at what already exists and go from there.

Next Meeting

Mayor Cahill reported that the next meeting scheduled is the same night as the Beverly High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Lydon notes that the Committee needs to have a meeting before May 11, 2016. Mayor Cahill suggested that the Committee meet in late April or early May and suggests that they will coordinate a time with the members.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the New Beverly Middle School Building Committee this evening, Ms. Visnick moved to adjourn the School Committee of the Whole meeting. Manzo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Binns moved to adjourn the School Building Committee meeting. Dr. Hiersche seconds the motion. The motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.