

Public Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Town Hall / Selectman's chambers - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and the following members were present: Karen Pritchard, Chair; Richard Hebert, School Committee; Maryellen Gaziano, Library; Bill Limbacher, Planning; Kevin Kelly, Facilities; Ann Burbine, EDC, Al Bangert, Marla Minier, Library

1.) Establish minutes from last meeting:

2. Updates from TA:

- Library has been approved by vote.
- Looking for a temporary site while library is under renovation.
- Modular are very expensive
- Construction needs to begin by Nov. 2014
- Library OPM bids are out, due Feb 23.
- Toni will be appointed as alternate member during Jessie maternity leave
- Jessie has a blog on the issue.
- Marla looking for other people to help with getting more people involved to help with move and space planning logistics.
- Once OPM hired, they will get architect and designs on board.
- No design now. Some elements need to stay according to grant. But, basic design can change.
- Looks like there will be 5 months to create and accept design.
- Director wants a firm who has library experience

Richard Hebert, School update

- Visioning process is done.
- Have met with students, faculty etc. to look at future of
- Currently have 9 scenarios.
- Feasibility done by June.

- It will be 6-8 grades.
- Grade 6-8 will be overcrowded when it opens. Then enrollment scheduled to go down.
- They need to show a 7-8 grade renovation.
- Lot of the thinking is toward multi-use space. Try to utilize all of the space
- Design should be able to handle increase in enrollment.
- Submitted in spring to MSBA to town in the fall.
- Takes 6 months to go from conceptual to schematic.
- If all goes well, school could open fall of 2016.
- Scholl Committee would like the new school on the high school site.
- High School site presents many problems with fields parking etc.
- No sewer at Ellis is a big challenge.

Jacqueline Carr:

- Public safety complex sq. ft. now at 27K sq' to accommodate police and station 3.
- 3 locations are in play. Ellis, Purple dinosaur, Police Station.
- Architect is a specialist in pub safety bldg.
- Many issues need to be ironed out as to what the police and fire wants towards state of the art design.
- It will be a police station with an ambulance and fire truck.
- There will be one dispatch for both departments; resulting in large savings
- KP: has information on other town's proposals for their pub safety buildings.
- Building will include a lot of "add alternates"
- Security , accessible and multi-use space is all being looked at for using the EOC as trying and meeting space for all and others,
- Fire and police want to keep specialty equipment out of the elements (boats etc.) Not likely.
- Location of Pub. safety building needs to wait until location of school is determined.

- Same OPM and Architect on both school and pub Safety projects.
- With library school and pub safety in the works there is a lot going on but School comes first.

Marla: there is a political reality in town that as we do all this. We need to do something for the seniors? We want the seniors to be behind these projects?

Going to be 8 years, before all this plays out.

TA: town plans a new senior center at Gates. Not an option to move the Senior Center to SHCB. How do we make all this affordable to not impact taxes.....how do we subsidize this

KP: go into ? on web site in Dedham to see a good example of what we are trying to produce for people to see what we are dealing with for presentation.

AGB: See hand out: (Attach)

- Working exclusively on #1 and #2.
- Have secured an Architect to identify real/hard costs for a renovation or for needs,
- Establish timeline
- Some of the timeline will be dictated by school project.
- SPD needs to include network improvements and evidence locker improvements,
- Results from interviews with Department heads should be incorporated into AGB bldg. profiles and to engineering firm.
- KP would like to meet with RF O'Sullivan when they come in

Step III:

- KP has looked at what other communities have been doing. (see KP handout)

- KP would like to obtain enough Data to produce good estimates of what it will cost for each of our sites; including site work.
- Is Cohasset building a new Senior Center?
- Proposed intent of this is to create a matrix filling in all the pros and cons being able to answer all potential questions.

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- Is rec department part of any plan?

Need another month before we meet and begin to develop a matrix. Plan for some time at the end of March.

KMK