

MINUTES
Green Meadow School Building Committee
Monday, October 16, 2023, 5:00 pm
Remote Meeting

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 signed into law by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023, several pandemic-related relief provisions suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20 were further extended until March 31, 2025. All members of the public are invited to join the meeting virtually either by computer (internet) or phone as noted at the beginning of each meeting.

Meeting Called to Order via Roll Call at 5:00 pm

Brian Haas - Present
Jennifer Gaudet - Present
Jerry Culbert - Absent
Mary Brannelly - Present
Nicholas Kane - Present
Robert Rouleau - Present
Anthony Midey - Present
Wayne White - Present
Mark Anderson - Present
Christopher DiSilva – Absent
Justin DeMarco - Absent
Matthew Johann - Present
Greg Johnson - Present
Hilary Griffiths – Absent
Mike Stevens – Present
Josh Morse – Absent
Ken Neuhauser – Present

Charles Gobron (NV) - Present
Katie Moore (NV) – Present
Cavan Stone (NV) – Absent
Robert Savoie (NV) - Absent

Project Team Members Present:

Phil Palumbo, Colliers Project Leaders and Chris LeBlanc, MVG

Documents presented during meeting:

The meeting included presentation of a PowerPoint agenda and supporting slides presented by Phil P. These are attached to these meeting minutes.

School Building Committee (SBC) Meeting Minutes Approval

Mary B. made a motion to accept the 9/25/23, as edited, SBC Meeting Minutes. The SBC Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously via Roll Call.

Feasibility Study Budget & MSBA Reimbursement Update

Phil P. presented the status of the Feasibility Study Budget indicating that the only changes to the budget since the SBC met last were:

1. The processing of the InkEtcetera invoice in the amount of \$4,260.65, for the approved printing and postage for the Town-wide flyer.
2. The processing of the InkEtcetera invoice in the amount of \$1,865, for the Town Meeting slideshow print-outs.

The anticipated remaining balance from the \$1M feasibility study is approximately \$116,900.

A total of \$470,378, representing roughly 55% of the approximately \$850K spent to date, has been reimbursed by MSBA. The 55% is in-line with the project's Feasibility Study reimbursement rate.

Nick K. asked where the funds for the project signs were coming from, and Mary B. answered the funds are from private donations going to the PAC (Political Action Committee) and the PAC making the purchases.

Town Meeting Update

Phil P. presented that the Town Meeting results were 695-yes votes to 67-no votes, so a 91% to 9% yes to no vote results.

Mary B. thanked all the SBC members that assisted with getting out to the Community via coffee talks, etc. to ensure the community was aware of the project and its upcoming votes.

Community Outreach Update

Mary B. stepped through the following Community Outreach items:

1. She mentioned having people edit the voting icon in people's Facebook profiles from the Town Meeting date to the ballot vote date.
2. She mentioned coordinating with the Town Clerk to work towards getting high school seniors that are 18 to register to vote.
3. She mentioned the last day to register to vote is October 28th.
4. She asked to get the language for the vote from Greg Johnson.
5. She mentioned that Jennifer ordered more signs.

6. She mentioned the video that the District and Josh M. were going to work on to show some of the building and site deficiencies. Brian H. indicated the logistics of that and ultimately finalizing it are being worked out.
7. Nick K. mentioned having an announcement on the Police Station electronic sign regarding the ballot vote. Mary B. indicated she would coordinate with the Police Chief on this.
8. Mary B. mentioned having a reverse 911 call in advance of the ballot vote. The Friday before the ballot vote was indicated to be the appropriate day to make the call.
9. Mary B. mentioned the idea of standing at intersections with the signs held up, the morning of the day of the ballot vote.

Project Timeline Update

- GMES Open House has morphed into a video to be distributed
- November 7, 2023, Ballot Vote, 7am – 8pm at Fowler School

New / Other Business

Can the existing playground be salvaged / maintained with the proposed site design?

Nick K. indicated there was a community member that asked if the existing playground, considering it's somewhat new, could be salvaged. It was indicated that due to the needs to construction access to the back of the site and potential well field, that area will most likely not be uninterrupted by the construction project.

Solar Canopy Over Parking

Nick K. mentioned the comments made of the project incorporating solar canopies at the parking lot and the fact that the comments seemed to insinuate that scope was definitive. Phil P. mentioned that scope is something that's going to be reviewed as it relates to budget and a decision will be made by the SBC, etc.

What are the next steps, after a successful ballot vote, for the SBC members?

Ken N. asked what the next steps are for the SBC members in the event the ballot vote is successful. Phil mentioned the required OPM and Designer contract amendments to go from Feasibility Study contracts to carry through the rest of design, bidding, construction, and closeout will need to be executed. Chris L. indicated that the design meetings that occurred during the Feasibility Study effort will re-commence as it relates to space layout, staff needs, sustainability, security, etc.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, November 13, 2023, at 5:00 PM, SBC Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned via Roll Call at 5:28 PM

Approved 11/13/2024