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Dale Street Building Communications Sub-Committee
Zoom Remote Session Meeting
Meeting Date: 3/11/21- 12:00-1:00 PM

In attendance:

Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke- member

Bob Sliney - member

Tracey Rogers -member

Mike Quinlan- chair

Emily Grandstaff-Rice

Gina Gomes-Cruz

Tim Baker

Tina Soo Hoo

Tim Knight- member

Absent:

Tim Bonfatti - member

Start: 12:04

End: 12:56

AMO started by asking the team what they thought the main themes to focus on:

1. Cost: how much will the project ultimately cost, cost estimation will be available in May, but finalized in June. SBC focus on keeping costs down
2. Traffic: options
3. Environmental Impact: address the well-water risk. MQ shared that he wrote an editorial sharing the findings that there is no risk. AMO asked for a copy so that it may be shared through communication channels
4. Sustainability: on 3/24 there will be a joint meeting with SBC and BoS regarding net-zero analysis, our committee will help get the word out and Megan Sullivan will provide the content for the blurb to be shared out
5. Location: Can Wheelock site be changed: MQ talked about a no vote and getting back in line for MSBA. Bob Sliney mentioned that the Warrant Committee is going to hear the facts around the ballot petitions that have been submitted. He suggested that if people want to listen and understand, we MAY consider sharing the date and time. Both he and MQ reiterated that debate would happen at town meeting and that we need to be very careful of how we communicate clear intentions. Bob will summarize the intention, so that we can accurately share.
6. Dale St.: what will happen to the building, although beyond our purview. MQ having a permanent building committee meeting to cover this topic, as he is chair of that

committee too! They will discuss what to do with Dale St so that they may make a recommendation to BoS

7. Playing Fields: will be field neutral (discussed at length at the last SBC meeting), we should be clear that we intend to replace any fields
8. Archeological Site Survey: walk through first before any digging. Digging late March or early April.

Gina and AMO will work together. Gina asked when this will get out. AMO mentioned election coming up and handing out fact sheet, although during a pandemic would not be optically good. Per Tracey, people who go to vote are braver. Discussion of how to distribute the flyers: distance for polling facility. Tracey can make a QR code to link to website. She emphasized that we need a project description: grades 4-5 moving to Wheelock and replacing the Dale St school, emphasizing the “replacement”. Tracey will reach out to Marion Bonoldi about regulations for handing out paper.

Approval of Feb. 11, 2021 Minutes: motioned by Bob Sliney and seconded by Tracey Rogers, unanimously approved.

Tim Knight was waiting in the waiting room and listening in along with Emily, then moved over to the participant side.

Emily Grandstaff-Ricesuggested using a sheet to explain cost succinctly. Need to talk about implications of a no vote. MQ is working with town hall to get better numbers all around because we want to show the full picture.

Bob: can't convince, but can inform. Share the benefit of partnering with MSBA, even from a cost perspective.

Chris McCue Potts commented in the Q&A section:

- the Citizens Position, but both Bob and Mike stated that her point was related to WC and not this committee meeting.
- Arrowstreet's example about MSBA path is misleading, and not a straight path
- SBC is risking a no vote with its decision to build at Wheelock: MQ responded that there is always a risk to a project, but that the vote to build at Wheelock was unanimous by SBC and BoS.