

Approved July 15, 2020

Dale Street Building Project Communications Sub-Committee Meeting
Zoom Remote Joint Meeting

May 14, 2020 – 2:00 pm

PRESENT:

Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke

Tim Bonfatti

Tracey Rogers

Gina Gomes-Cruz

Lynn Stapleton

Larry Spang

Tim Knight

Sharon Tatro

Tina Soo Hoo

Meeting started at 2:25pm

Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke apologized for starting the meeting late because of technical difficulties.

Larry Spang, architect and principal of ArrowStreet presented the subcommittee with the presentation slides for the upcoming Community Forum; to be held on May 19. Since we had a late start, we delved right into the slides:

It was decided that ½ an hour for presentation and ½ for Q&A would be the format and knowing that we would extend Q&A IF needed. Photo replacements and language suggestions were given to Larry. It was suggested to add a photo of the classrooms off the cafeteria as an example of noise levels. And suggested talking points such as music classes being conducted in hallways. Tim Bonfatti suggested that we simplify technical language and keep the historical overview high level and easy to understand as we needed to make the assumption that this may be the first time people may be hearing about the details. For deeper understanding, people will be referred to the Project website for those who want to dive deeper.

We discussed who should address which slides and general order of the evening: Chair, Mike Quinlan, would introduce the purpose and format of the evening. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, SC Chair, would make a general statement, then Larry Spang would review history/present slides. Dr Jeffrey Marsden would discuss benefits and challenges slides to grade configuration options and Christine Power, Director of Instruction and Innovation, would go over the educational benefits of grades 3-5 option. Larry Spang would then go over site selection slides. It was requested to break up and clarify slides of Dale St site selection options and Wheelock site selection options so that it would be clear to the public. Cost analysis slide would be covered by Mike Quinlan and Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke suggested that a watermark of some sort, ie "Conceptual" be printed across the cost sheet as these are not etched in stone.

We briefly discussed our collective efforts to get our community partners to attend the forum. Emails were sent to COA, NNT, pre schools, clubs, many town committees, MEMO, as well as social media postings.

Approval of April 29 and May 6, 2020 Minutes: motioned by Tim Bonfatti, 2nd by Sharon Tatro; roll call vote taken and unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.