

City of Hyattsville Educational Facilities Task Force
Thursday, October 21st, 2021 7:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Dan Muth, Kat Schooley, Stuart Eisenberg, Dan Broder, Sarah Weston, Sam Denes, Dan Peabody, Joanne Waszczak, Kevin Ward and Tracey Douglas

Special Guests: Jason Washington, Deisy Brangman, Cheri Vincent, Kate Dydak, Brittney Bennett, Megan Andargie and Pam Boozer-Strother

1. Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by chair Dan Muth
2. Introductions of participants.
3. Middle School Updates:
 - a. Jason Washington and guest Cheri Vincent detailed the progress of the Hyattsville Middle School build and noted that to date the project was on schedule. The County has submitted and received sign-offs for their 95% construction documents. And designs are being finalized. It was generally noted by Task Force members that so far the build has gone exactly as promised.
 - i. On the design side of things, Gilbane must adhere to the requirements set forth by the County.
 - ii. On the Construction side, the demolition is nearly complete and foundations have started to be poured.
 1. Steel was ordered much earlier to avoid supply line issues.
 2. Subcontractors have been locked in.
 3. Grading is almost completed.
 - iii. While so far the construction is proceeding as projected, there are many possible supply line issues that will have to be confronted going forward. They are erring on the side of being overly proactive.
 - b. Particular to the demolition, the one and half story gym is still standing and will be taking down next week. After being wrapped in netting to keep debris and dust out of the neighborhood. This will be supplemented by industrial vacuums and water cannons.
 - c. All abatement has been completed.
 - d. Should start to see frame-out of school in early 2022. The goal is to get the school topped out and water sealed by early summer.
 - e. Trees along Oliver will need to come down as projected in the earlier visioning because of the necessary road widening. They will be replaced and supplemented with beautification efforts along the road.

- f. There is currently an expectation that the school will solar ready, but at this point, there is no concrete plan to include PV panels and charging stations. There is however, some impetus to try to provide those things.
 - g. At this point a centralized security system with single points of entry is envisioned, though the particulars of that system have not been completely ironed out.
- 4. RGMS swing space updates:
 - a. At this point the water lines at Robert Goddard have not yet been adequately examined as to their feasibility to support the modulars at RGMS.
 - i. Have an 8" line but still aren't sure if it can support the modulars.
 - ii. Are trying to find a constriction in the line that seems to be limiting the flow.
 - iii. WSSC is running point on this and is trying to speed up the process.
 - iv. Understanding that this swing has been challenging, the HMS build has been prioritized to make sure it is complete on time.
- 5. HES updates:
 - a. The procurement process has started for the 2nd round ACF.
 - i. Build to Learn Act carves out 25 million a year for a new ACF program.
 - ii. Should be larger than the first phase.
 - iii. They are prioritizing elementary schools (10-12) and are looking for consolidation opportunities as well.
 - iv. They have added a technical advisor to the process and will have to work with the State during this phase. But will have to define who is doing what and will have to defend the cycle one schools criteria set out in the Master Plan Support Project. The County is keen to protect those designations.
 - b. The County has heard about HES more than any other school. But probably not in a position to acquire new land. The model should be similar to that being executed at Cherokee Lane.
 - i. The Justice Center Parcel is likely not going to be available for HES, because it's not all available. And they have debt load to consider. Maybe 3.1 acres total and the RFP was poorly considered when they published it.
 - ii. They would not consider building a school less than 800 seats. This may well mean that the school boundaries need to be redrawn to accommodate an increased student load.
- 6. Possible Land acquisition:
 - a. While it's within the realm of possibility to find a new piece of land for HES, in all likelihood we won't have the time or land availability to do that work. It would have to be identified and procured by summer 2022.
 - b. That said, a focus of the committee will be able to explore that further.
 - c. There does exist the possibility of expanding the current site. St. Jerome's Parking Lot, a single family home, etc. This could functionally make the HES site that much more attractive.
- 7. Amending the Scope of work of the committee:

- a. Currently, the committee is somewhat constrained by the language of the original charter.
 - b. It was proposed and voted upon to update the language describing the committee's focus to include activities pertaining to the new ACF builds with activities expanded to the possible acquisition of land.
 - c. New language for the committee assignment to be voted on at the next meeting. Stuart Eisenberg designated to work on that language.
- 8. Motion to adjourn at 9:32pm.