

City of Hyattsville Educational Facilities Task Force
Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 7:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Dan Broder, Dan Muth, Kat Schooley, John Imahori, Daniel Peabody, Stuart Eisenberg, Joanne Waszczak, Sam Denes, Pam Boozer-Strother

Motion to approve past minutes is proposed by Mr. Muth and seconded: unanimous approval of the minutes

Pressing business:

- 1) Rebuild of Hyattsville Elementary School.
 - a. Hyattsville Elementary remains as a cycle one school and is identified as a top priority.
 - b. Currently the slate of schools for the phase II is confidential but that will likely be announced in the fall.
 - c. As part of this project, they have added a swing space coordinator, whose job is to make sure we don't end up with the same swing space fiasco that happened with HMS middle.
 - d. Right now we have strong champions at the County Level for HES inclusion in the ACF.
 - e. But it's going to be imperative to make sure the State understands that the Cycle one schools need to be prioritized in this process.
 - f. Will be also important to keep up the pressure at the County level to make sure bad actors don't throw a wrench into the ACF phase II all-together.
 - g. It is currently hypothesized that phase II ACF schools could start building in 2024, with doors opened in 2026.
 - h. HES is a constricted site that offers some challenges. Potential EFTF matters:
 - i. Matters regarding expanding the site. The County might not be in a position to directly acquire property. But may well be amiable to dealing with the City if they would be open to acquiring land for that site. The necessity for this is clear based on:
 1. Staging challenging
 2. Lack of parking and playground space
 3. Huge design challenges
 4. Traffic Flow
 - ii. Council Member Peabody would be open to starting a conversation to looking into pursuing land to expand the site.
 - iii. Would probably be good to start looking into the potential to expand that site now, given that the need for the expansion of the footprint is omnipresent. Whether included in the ACF or no.

- iv. It is suggested that Stuart Eisenberg (in consultation with Jim Chandler) present a list of properties that possibly could be acquired at the next meeting.
 - v. Given that modular building is favored for the ACF, it might be different for HES given that the site is constricted.
 - vi. Typically in a modular build, the large spaces get built pretty traditionally, with the class modules being constructed off-site.
- 2) Action Items and next steps.
 - a. Keep pressure on school board and County Council to keep HES on the map to be included in the phase II ACF.
 - b. Get a meeting set up with various city officials and council members to investigate the potential for land acquisition for HES.
 - c. Get slate of properties together on our end to help facilitate that discussion.
 - d. Engage Jason Washington on design time line.
- 3) HMS updates.
 - a. Nothing has changed. We are about a year away from open doors on Hyattsville Middle School. This is fantastic news.
 - b. Community is largely happy with the build.
 - c. It is completely on schedule.
 - d. We should leverage the success of this build to help justify the need for the phase II ACF.
 - e. While County Staff is driving the car in the selection process, the State can adjust the funding levels. Need to make sure those commitments remain firm.
- 4) New Membership.
 - a. Justine Christianson will be joining the committee.
 - b. Still need more members. Could use some membership from around the community. Could use some specific expertise (supply chain, swing space, project management etc.) and stakeholders that have interest in our local schools. But passion and interest in being involved in the process are key.
- 5) Back meeting minutes. We are making progress on the meeting minutes but have a couple left to go. Will get those done in short order.
- 6) Also need to look into interim needs of other schools not immediately on the Capital Improvement Schedule. Such as Nicolas Orem, Felegy, Rosa Parks, etc.
 - a. For example sewer pipe just broke at Orem and shut down the school for a week. Just one example of capital failures that disrupt schooling all the time.
 - b. Could look for innovative ways to help that process. For example, Senator Malcom Augustine asked to take on a partnership to write up a grant proposal with the Hyattsville CDC for Cesar Chavez elementary. Might be able to take a similar approach to some of the other schools that need capital help.

Movement to adjourn by Mr. Eisenberg: Unanimously approved