

## School Building Committee

Wednesday, October 12, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 988 0024 2598; Password: SBC

**Present:** Chris Fasciano, Chair; Kim Bodnar, Vice Chair; Tim Christenfeld; Buck Creel; Jennifer Glass; Gina Halsted; Sharon Hobbs; Brandon Kelly; Becky McFall; Tara Mitchell; Craig Nicholson; Peter Sugar; Andrew Glass, liaison, Historical Commission; Ed Lang, liaison, Green Energy Committee; Joel Seeley, SMMA; Jennifer Soucy, SMMA; Steve Banak, Consigli; Sean Sweeny, CHA; Aditya Modi; CHA.

**Absent:** Peter Sugar; Doug Adams, liaison, Historical Commission; Owen Beenhouwer, liaison, Community Center Building Committee; Ian Spencer, liaison, Public Safety; Gary Taylor, liaison, Planning Board.

**Also Present:** Rob Ford, Director of Educational Operations and Technology; Mary Ellen Normen, Administrator for Business & Finance.

**Welcome and Opening Comments:** Chris Fasciano, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:03 pm and noted that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, as further extended on July 16, 2022 by the Governor's signing of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Lincoln School Building Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

**Construction Update:** Aditya Modi shared a slide presentation. Sean Sweeny provided an update:

- Center field restoration and hydroseeding in progress.
- Grass growing well in new areas around the school.
- Bike racks installed near the main entrance.
- Hydroseeding of the retention pond near the south parking lot and tennis court.
- Punch list progress being made in off-school hours; there are 177 punch list items remaining. In many cases, working for materials due to supply chain issues.
  - Kim Bodnar asked about signage for the main entrance. Is there any funding in the budget? Buck Creel said that it was VE'd out.
  - Ms. Bodnar asked Sharon Hobbs if students are complying with the bike paths. Dr. Hobbs said that they generally are.
  - Tim Christenfeld asked if there will be reseeded in the spring. Mr. Sweeny said no.
  - Mr. Christenfeld asked about the predicted completion date for the punch list. Mr. Sweeny said they have made considerable progress. There were over 500 items in the middle of September.
  - Rob Ford noted that there may be some additional punch list items added as the building is used. Brandon Kelly underscored that a few items get added as spaces in the school are occupied.

**OPM Update:** Mr. Modi noted that nothing has changed on the total budget.

- About \$64K left in contingency after the change order proposed this evening. They are estimating that about \$447K will need to be transferred from other line items. This is in comparison to \$417K last month.
  - Mr. Fasciano asked how we are doing with excess funds in other line items, and if there will be any further COVID reimbursements. Mr. Modi said that there are some funds that

could be moved. Mr. Creel said that the district applied for FEMA funding in January, and that FEMA is working its way through requests.

- Craig Nicholson asked about the furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) line. Mr. Creel said they did not spend time updating that line. The bulk of the FF&E line is committed. There may some small remaining amount.
- Consigli has been working with the Commissioning Agent on HVAC start up/commissioning.
- The team has been working with Rob Ford on remaining audio visual system work.
- Solar Project: Mr. Creel noted that the majority of panels have been installed on the north parking lot. Some panels have not been installed to allow the cranes to work. Work on the south parking lot is about to begin. Within a couple of weeks, panels should be installed on the sloped roofs. Anchors and mounting rails are being put in place. There are still some supply chain issues. April is the anticipated completion date.
- Ms. Bodnar noted that the balance we would need to transfer has increased and asked why. Mr. Modi said that there are still discussions about several potential change requests. Mr. Creel said this is the time in the budget when everyone is confirming numbers. Mr. Sweeny said that they have been pushing Consigli, and Mr. Creel has been pushing CHA to get all remaining claims so that they can do the closeout. The balance may vacillate. They feel confident that they can find enough funding in the budget to close out. Mr. Creel has met with Colleen Wilkins, Town Finance Director, to confirm his approach to the budget.
  - Mr. Fasciano asked if the remaining change orders will be of the magnitude of the one being considered tonight. Mr. Creel said that there may be a couple of larger change orders to close out in the next couple of months.
  - The half basketball court (\$50K) is still under consideration as a wish list item.
  - Mr. Christenfeld asked when we need to decide about the basketball court. Mr. Sweeny and Mr. Creel said that this will be determined later as final costs are established.

*Change Order #31:* Jennifer Soucy, SMMA, provided details about the major components of the request for \$58K:

- Main item is \$36K for asphalt escalation. There is minimal remaining asphalt work.
- Other items are generally small and related to the punch list.
- For now, the project has taken a credit for a dedication plaque until there is a decision about a donor wall.
- Tara Mitchell asked whether we're keeping track of all the signage for the school so that we can come back to it if there are additional funds. Becky McFall said that once the project is closed out, they will come forward with a wish list for any remaining items.

MOVED: Ms. Mitchell moved to approve Change Order #31 for \$58,158 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Creel and approved by roll call vote: Bodnar, aye; Christenfeld, aye; Creel, aye; Glass, aye; Halsted, aye; Hobbs, aye; Kelly, aye; McFall, aye; Mitchell, aye; Nicholson, aye; Fasciano, aye; A. Glass, concur; Lang, concur.

**Public Participation:** none

**Update on Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** Ms. Bodnar thanked those who have RSVPd for the Ribbon Cutting. The ceremony will be 45 min – 1 hour. After the ceremony, there will be cake and the opportunity to look at the time capsules. Tours begin at 3pm on Friday, and on Saturday from 9-11am. The doors will be open; no need to register in advance. Dr. Hobbs said that LPS alums will be playing chamber music on Saturday. Jennifer Glass asked members to send her their reflections on the project for inclusion in an SBC slide show.

**Outreach Update:** Outreach is meeting in person at 12:00 tomorrow on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Offices.

**OPR Working Group Update:** Mr. Creel said that commissioning is continuing, and we've entered into an agreement with SMMA to record energy consumption starting in January 2023 to prove to Eversource that the project has achieved an EUI (energy use intensity) of <25. Mr. Kelly noted that we are in the swing season, so both heat and air conditioning are at work. The start up has been much smoother because of lessons learned at the end of the first phase; parents are pleased that the air exchange system is robust.

**Approve Minutes from September 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** MOVED: Ms. Glass moved to approve the minutes of September 14<sup>th</sup> as presented. Gina Halsted seconded the motion, which was approved by roll call vote: Bodnar, aye; Christenfeld, abstain; Creel, aye; Glass, aye; Halsted, aye; Hobbs, aye; Kelly, abstain; McFall, aye; Mitchell, abstain; Nicholson, aye; Fasciano, aye; A. Glass, abstain; Lang, concur; Spencer, concur.

**Discussion of other Topics:** Mr. Christenfeld noted that the Community Center Building Committee (CCBC) is meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He urged people to attend State of the Town on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Special Town Meeting on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to vote on \$325,000 to continue with concept development. The STM will be in person in the Lincoln School Auditorium (Donaldson Auditorium + Todd Lecture Hall). Mr. Christenfeld said that the communications subcommittee met with the SBC outreach team to learn about how they started and how it has worked. There will be further conversation about how a community center would coexist with the school.

**Adjournment:** MOVED: Mr. Christenfeld made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Halsted and approved by roll call vote: Bodnar, aye; Creel, aye; Glass, aye; Halsted, aye; Hobbs, aye; Kelly, aye; McFall, aye; Mitchell, aye; Nicholson, aye; Sugar, aye; Fasciano, aye; A. Glass, concur; Lang, concur.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Glass