

# Educational Facilities Planning and Building Committee

## Minutes of the Meeting December 7, 2016

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**Members Present:** Bob Deering, Don Cecich, Brendan Driscoll, Charles Tseckares, Judy Evans, Shelly Walsh, Roger Hain, Susan Verdicchio and Todd Kosterman.

**Members Absent:** Geethanjali Mathiyalakam and Jessica Lohne.

**Others Present:** Jim Dowd, Skanska USA Building; John LaMarre, Consigli Project Manager; David Fanuele, SMMA; John Hart, Civil Engineer and Peter Lukacic, Landscape Architect, SMMA; Gerald Nardone, Consultant; and Susan McPhee, Energy Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM in the Waterfield Room at Town Hall.

Jim Dowd distributed copies of Skanska's Meeting Agenda dated December 7, 2016 (Attachment #1) including a High School project budget update.

**1. Public Comments:** None.

**2. Site Design Review:** John and Peter discussed the key elements of the landscape design around the High School site illustrated on design plans.

**3. Green Space Parking Discussion:** John Hart and Peter Lukacic were asked to review the green space area in the front of the High School to see if there was an opportunity to add any additional parking spaces. With the new design of the building, increasing enrollment and the need for additional staff Brendon feels the parking is inadequate. Possible areas for additional parking were discussed and it was the consensus of the Committee to leave the parking as it is currently set. By adding additional parking spaces in the green areas, Peter indicated once green space is eliminated it will never be regained.

The Committee discussed the cost of adding a double catch basin on the Nelson Street side of the building. The estimated cost for the double catch basin is \$32,000. John Hart did not feel it was necessary to add the double catch basin as it was designed to accommodate the run-off properly. EFPBC would like to invite the town engineer to a meeting to share the request to increase the catch basin.

**4. Skillings Field Baseball Outfield:** At a recent meeting members of the baseball field group shared their concerns regarding the condition of the outfield once the culvert project is completed. It was reported that after the culvert project is complete, the Skillings Field baseball outfield will be restored to its original condition. The High School project includes irrigating the baseball field, include the right field. Other areas of the field will be irrigated by the culvert project. Work on the field will begin in April of 2017 and the field will need to go through two growing seasons prior to use. SMMA indicated the green area in front of the high school is across the road from Judkins Pond and within a wetlands or river setback.

**5. Auditorium Low Profile Desk:** The replacement of the low profile desk in the auditorium is scheduled for installation over the December holiday break.

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**6. Auditorium Speaker Repair/Replacement:** A recent operator error occurred with the auditorium speaker system which cost \$7,700 to repair. Judy requested that safeguards be installed to make sure this mistake in operation will not be repeated. With the auditorium being rented to outside vendors, the risk of such repairs and replacement of equipment could happen again as folks are not trained to operate such a complex system.

**7. Auditorium Shell:** Jim reported that FF&E had a line item to possibly install an auditorium shell which would better project sound throughout the auditorium. Nick Costello, Director of the Music Department, attended a recent EFPBC meeting outlining the need for the shell. Consultants visited the auditorium and provided a quote of \$93,797, not including electrical additions, FF&E services, design and installation of the shell. Although Judy agreed of the need to enhance music performances, she indicated that it would not be fiscally reasonable to use reserve money.

Gerald reported that McCall has an unused shell in the auditorium that could be installed at the high school. Judy will contact the music department regarding the McCall shell.

Bob reported that the energy budget as of a month ago was 20% under budget. A close watch on the energy budget will be tracked over the winter.

Brendan reported that there was a chain and lock on a back door in the dining commons; an area with an exit sign. Judy will check with the DPW on this as it is an egress area that should not be locked.

**8: Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for December 21st at 8:00 a.m. at the Parkhurst School.

**9. Adjournment:** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Donald E. Cecich  
EFPBC Secretary

Attachments:

Skanska Meeting Agenda dated December 7, 2016 including the High School Project Budget Update and Change Orders Summary.