

Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict
Arts Magnet School Committee
Regular Meeting October 25, 2018

Present: Cheryl Assis, Dr. Michael Dietter, Lori Eschner, John Lodovico, Steve Masotti, Dave Preleski, John Smith, Frank Stawski, and Chris Wilson

Also Present: Jill Browne, Angela Cahill (QA+M), Timothy Callahan, Dr. Susan Kalt-Moreau, Rusty Malik (QA+M), and Roger Rousseau

Excused: David Preleski

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Dietter.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by John Smith and seconded by Frank Stawski, it was voted to approve the minutes of the special meeting on October 17, 2018. Cheryl Assis abstained.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bruce Lydem, a Bristol resident, attended school at Memorial Boulevard. He would like the committee to consider a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for this project. There are over 400 hundred tradesmen that live in, coach, and pay taxes in Bristol and would like the opportunity to work on this project. He left a handout with an explanation of the importance of apprenticeships. The handout is on file in room 24 at the Board of Education central office.

Mike Petosa from the Greater Bristol Labor Federation represents approximately 5,000 union members. He reiterated Bruce Lydem's comments. In addition, he stated that utilizing a PLA, it allows people to be in apprenticeships. It is a way to invest in the people who live in the city we are investing in.

Amy Blackwood sent her children to Bristol schools. She indicated that having a PLA allows low wage, women, and minorities an opportunity to make a living wage. She encourages the committee to thoughtfully consider a PLA.

4. PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE

- The Programming Committee is scheduled to meet on November 2, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
- The A2 digital files were delivered to QA+M.
- There are discussions to have an informal meeting with Planning and Zoning to keep them in the loop on the status of the project.
- Roger Rousseau and Corporation Counsel are still working on the finalization of closing Willis Street and the land acquisition. Roger Rousseau stated that all the pieces are in place for the closure of Willis Street. Corporation Counsel is bringing the closure request to City Council for final approval. The land owner of the Barnes parcel is having a meeting and the acquisition of this property is still being worked on.
- The RFP for enhanced commissioning is being worked on.
- There are areas of wetlands and flagging that needs to be completed.
- The theater group had 3D building scans completed.
- Roger Rousseau stated the Architect's contract as well as the Environmental Hygienist's contract is almost complete.
- Roger Rousseau handed out the Construction Manager's RFQ's. Please read them prior to the next meeting. There will be discussion regarding which firms will move forward to the next round. There were a total of 10 firms that replied.

John Lodovico stated that wetlands can be a lengthy process and it is important to keep on track with this process.

5. ARCHITECT'S UPDATE

Angela Cahill and Rusty Malik were present from QA+M.

- There is a team list started. This is a working document and will be updated as others are onboarded.
- QA+M will be attending the programming meeting on 11/2/18.
- Angela discussed the existing building and site information. They have collected much data and are working through it. There are some areas requiring more investigation such as the pump stations, wetlands, and the tennis courts.
- As Tim Callahan stated, they are working on scheduling a meeting with Planning and Zoning. They also will be reaching out to Public Works and other town staff to get prepared for upcoming meetings they may be required to be at.
- Angela handed out a draft project schedule. This is a broad scope review with minimal to no detail. Once the CM is hired, they will have input and the schedule can be revised. This is on file in room 24 at the Board of Education central office.

6. ASSIGN MEMBERS TO REPRESENT MBIAMS AT RELATED MEETINGS

- Wetlands – John Lodovico
- Planning and Zoning – John Lodovico
- City and State Participants – John Smith
- Any meetings associated with design, construction, cost – John Smith
- Programming Committee – Lori Eschner
- Non-Profit Theater Committee – Frank Stawski
- M/E/P during schematic design – Steve Masotti
- OSCGR Prep meetings – Chris Wilson
- Political meetings – John Lodovico

7. ESTABLISH DATE AND FORMAT FOR PRESENTATION FROM UNION LABOR AND “OPEN SHOP” CONTRACTORS

The CT Contractors Association has reached out to Chair Dietter as well as other project labor groups. After discussion, it was agreed to add “Presentations from Union Labor and Open Shop Contractors on the December 20, 2018 agenda. Each group will be entitled to a 15 minute presentation. This meeting will be held in the auditorium at the Board of Education central office.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Lori Eschner visited Waterbury Arts Magnet School. She met with the Principal of the school. Her visit included learning pros and cons of the building and space utilization. Her report of findings is on file in room 24 at the Board of Education central office.

Frank Stawski asked about revisiting the ways to communicate with the community about the project. Chair Dietter stated we would be continuing on with the current way which is through the City of Bristol website as well as the minutes are posted on the school website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Dietter.

Respectfully submitted,

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