

CABOT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (CSBC) + DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)				MEETING MINUTES			
Cabot School, Newton							
May 7, 2015							
6:00PM							
ATTENDEES:							
NAME	ASSOC.	VOTING	PRESENT	NAME	ASSOC.	VOTING	PRESENT
Margaret Albright	SC	✓	Y	Peter Barrer	DRC	✓	Y
Susan Albright	BOA	✓	Y	Arthur Cohen	DRC	⊘	Y
Mary Lou DiBella	CSBC	✓	Y	William Eldredge	DRC	✓	N
Diana Fisher Gomberg	CSBC	✓	Y	Robert A. Franchi	DRC	✓	N
David Fleishman	CSBC	⊘	N	Tom Gloria	DRC	✓	N
Ruthanne Fuller	BOA	✓	N	James Freas	DRC	⊘	N
Sandra Guryan	NPS	✓	Y	Jonathan Kantar	DRC	⊘	Y
Matt Hills	CSBC	⊘	N	Andrea Kelley	DRC	✓	N
Maureen Lemieux	CSBC	⊘	N	Ellen S. Light	DRC	✓	N
Joshua Morse	NPB	✓	N	Marc Resnic	DRC	⊘	Y
Emily Norton	BOA	✓	N	Scott Ross	DRC	✓	N
Cynthia Paris Jeffries	CSBC	⊘	N	Steven Siegel	DRC	⊘	N
Angela Pitter-Wright	CSBC	✓	Y	Eve Tapper	DRC	✓	N
Nicholas Read	CSBC	⊘	N	Carol Chaftez	NPS	⊘	Y
Andrea Steenstrup	CSBC	✓	Y	Dennis Murphy	ACS	⊘	N
Alex Valcarce	NPB	⊘	Y	Jeffery Luxenberg	JLA	⊘	Y
Setti Warren	Mayor	⊘	N	Tom Murphy	JLA	⊘	Y
Karen Wasserman	CSBC	✓	Y	Kiersten Mailer	JLA	⊘	N
Dori Zalenik	CSBC	✓	N	Ken DiNisco	DDP	⊘	N
Michael Cronin	NPS	⊘	Y	Donna DiNisco	DDP	⊘	Y
Ouida Young	ACS	⊘	Y	Leno Filippi	DDP	⊘	Y
				Jeff Oxilida	DDP	⊘	N
				Bob Derubeis	NPR	⊘	N
				Julie Kirrane	NPS	⊘	Y

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the March 12, 2014 meeting and the April 16, 2014 meeting were presented. MOTION: M. Albright moved to approve the 3/12/14 and 4/16/14 meeting minutes. S. Albright seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor (8-0-0)

2. Schedule Update

T.Murphy, JLA, distributed an updated schedule noting that some dates had changed from the last schedule based on coordination with other City Committee meetings and events. The next scheduled SBC meeting is for May 21, at which time the Committee will vote on the preferred option.

3. Design Update

L. Filippi, DDP, presented the latest design refinements based on comments received at the recent public forum and at the last DRC meeting. A list of Pros and Cons and the Criteria Matrix were distributed prior to reviewing the presentation.

Site Plan:

- a. A section through the drive lane/bus loop off Cabot street showing the relationship to the adjacent properties was shown. It was noted that with a new opaque fence on top of the existing retaining wall much of the view of the vehicles could be shielded from the neighbor's property. A. Valcarce reported that he and S. Albright had recently met with the two abutters and that further conversations regarding design options are expected to be conducted with them as the design evolves.
- b. It was reiterated that both site options are still open for discussion and a selection has not been made.
- c. Further information will be gathered and meetings held regarding traffic implications of the two approaches. Review comments are expected from the City's Traffic Department within a few weeks.

Building:

- a. A refined renovation option was shown which moved the cafeteria to the park side of the building and shifting some of the ground floor spaces around. The consensus of the Committee was that these relocations were an improvement to the adjacencies and circulation within the building.
- b. Options for the gym location were discussed. Alternate locations to what is currently shown can be explored but most other locations had been explored in previous schemes and those schemes were deemed less preferred. It was noted that such refinements can be explored in the Schematic Design phase, once the preferred approach is decided.
- c. A brief summary of the evaluation criteria in the Criteria Matrix was given and a discussion about the relative ratings was held. Many members believed the differences between the Renovation/Addition approach and New Construction approach were minor when evaluated in many of the categories listed.
- d. The general approval process was outlined by NPB and JLA, noting that the length of time for Massachusetts Historical Commission approval and the cost of any mitigation necessary for such approval were undetermined. The process encountered on the Angier School was described to the Committee as a means of comparison.

e. Public Comment

An attendee commented that the closure of Parkview Ave. would allow parents to drop off children on East Side Parkway and the children could access the school by walking across Cabot Park.

f. Meeting Adjournment

MOTION: S. Albright moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. Seconded by D. Fisher Gomberg. Votes were unanimous in approval (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murphy
Joslin, Lesser + Associates, Inc.

[End of 5/7/15 Meeting Minutes]