

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

January 13, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Ashlawn, Library

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approve Minutes**
3. **Finalize letter to School Board on School**
4. **Review CIP Stakeholder Feedback Form**
5. **Committee Assignments and Reports**
 - Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
 - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
 - MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
 - McKinley – Kelly King
6. **Project Updates – Scott Prisco**
 - Ashlawn
 - Career Center
 - New ES
 - Wakefield
 - Yorktown
7. **Next Steps**
 - More Seat for Students, planning process leading up to 2014 CIP
 - General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- BLPC McKinley: Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- PFRC McKinley: Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:30 PM
- BLPC McKinley: Tuesday, February 6, 2014, 7:00 pm at McKinley ES, Library
- School Board meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 7:30 PM
- Next FAC meeting: Monday, February 13, 2014

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014**

Members in attendance: John Chadwick, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Rebecca Hunter, Kelly King, Keith Klein, Greg Lloyd, Paul McAgree, James Meikle, Ron Molteni, Heather Obora, John Peck, Scott Prisco, Jason Rylander, Jeffery Turner, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein, and Lionel White.

1. Welcome: Chairperson Janine Velasco called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in a classroom at Ashlawn Elementary School.
2. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the December 2013 meeting were approved without changes.
3. Draft Letter to School Board: The FAC discussed a draft letter intended for the School Board, written by Jason Rylander, that suggests the School Board work more closely with the County Board to ensure that new construction in the County considers school equities.

The FAC, as suggested by Don Weinstein, began by determining that the letter fell within its role as an advisory council to the School Board. It was noted that the draft letter does not advocate any specific solutions.

Jason was invited to summarize the rationale for the letter. The purpose of the letter is to urge the School Board to encourage the County Board “to include schools in their evaluation of public lands for affordable housing and other uses, and where possible, consider whether co-location of schools and housing is feasible”.

Several FAC members pointed to other mixed-use development in the US that incorporates school facilities. It was specifically mentioned that the January 2014 issue of “Architectural Record” discusses such projects. The discussion also pointed out that while colocation of new schools with other developments can be quite positive, the public-private negotiations leading up to such construction could be complex.

Members suggested several edits to the text, which Jason will incorporate into the draft. The FAC unanimously voted to endorse the letter, which will be sent to the School Board in the next future. Jason said that he would send an electronic copy of the final letter to the FAC members for their reference.

4. CIP Stakeholder Feedback Form: Lionel White and John Chadwick discussed the CIP Stakeholder Feedback Form, which was distributed to key community stakeholders, particularly those who had attended the CIP discussion sessions at Kenmore. The objective of the forms is to help determine the best use of limited funds in dealing with the overcrowding problem in many Arlington

Public Schools. It was noted that 66 of the forms have already been returned, pointing to the fact that dissemination of the forms had clearly gone beyond the original target audience. But as Lionel stated: "More data is always welcome, and the information will be used". John asked that the survey also be sent to the full FAC membership.

Lionel also provided a draft of the More Seats for More Students Community Engagement Schedule. He said that APS would be using new ways to encourage community participation in the planning process, including "Twitter Town Halls" and robocalls.

5. Committee Assignments and Reports:

- Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: Greg Greeley asked for volunteers to serve as Ambassadors for schools that do not currently have one. The following FAC members volunteered:
 - Yorktown High School: Heather Obora
 - Washington-Lee High School: John Peck
 - Jefferson Middle School: Janine Velasco
- MC/MM Program: Jim Meikle provided a full list of the members of the 2015 Minor Construction/Major Maintenance (MC/MM) Committee and described the planning process being used. He noted that there had been 189 requests that had to be reviewed, merged, prioritized, or referred elsewhere.
- CCPTA: Don summarized the December CCPTA meeting. He noted that Todd McCracken, former School Board and FAC member, described the efforts by the Superintendent's Master Planning Committee to develop a set of options (not recommendations) for the School Board to consider when developing a long-term strategy for Arlington Public Schools. John Chadwick followed with a presentation on the effort to build a 2014 Capacity Development Plan/CIP Framework, including an invitation to attend the two community engagement forums.
- McKinley Elementary School: Kelly King noted that the recommended design for the McKinley expansion has been sent to the School Board.

6. Project Updates: Scott Prisco reviewed the monthly project update report. He noted that the footers are underway for the Ashlawn expansion. Also, the construction bidding process has begun for the New Elementary School at Williamsburg, with construction to begin in March. Finally, construction will start soon on the new bleachers and press box at Wakefield High School.

In response to a question, Scott briefly outlined the several space-related feasibility studies currently underway, planned for the near future, or recently completed. This led to a general brainstorming session amongst the meeting participants, with many members tossing out ideas on how to best meet the space challenge. John Chadwick complimented the FAC members, noting the

continuing close and fulsome cooperation between APS/Facilities and Operations and the FAC.

7. Other Business: Jim noted that Cintia Johnson asked for a FAC member willing to serve as liaison to the Security Committee. Don volunteered for this job.

8. Next Meeting: The FAC plans to meet next on 10 February 2014, tentatively at Swanson Middle School.