

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING AGENDA

June 9, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Hoffman-Boston ES, Library

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approve Minutes**
3. **Year End Report and Staff Response**
4. **Master Planning Committee Update – Kelly King and Hans Bauman**
5. **Committee Assignments and Reports**
 - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
 - MC/MM Program – Heather Obora
 - McKinley – Kelly King
6. **Project Updates – Scott Prisco**
 - Ashlawn
 - New ES
 - Wakefield
7. **CIP**
 - School Board Information Item from June 5th
 - General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

- School Board meeting: Thursday, June 17th, 7:30 PM
- Next FAC meeting: ***Monday, September 8, 2014***

Thank you and have a great summer!

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2014**

Members in attendance: John Chadwick, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Rebecca Hunter, Kelly King, Scott Prisco, Erin Russo, Jason Rylander, Meg Tuccillo, Jeff Turner, Janine Velasco, and Don Weinstein.

1. Welcome: Chairperson Janine Velasco called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Library at Hoffman-Boston Elementary School. She noted that many of the members and liaisons were unable to attend tonight's meeting due to other commitments. She also noted that Hans Bauman has resigned from his liaison position on the FAC.

2. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the 5 May special work session and the 12 May monthly meeting were briefly discussed, and then approved without changes.

At Don's suggestion, the FAC authorized approval of these June minutes via e-mail—the alternative being to wait until the September meeting.

It was noted that following the 12 May meeting there had been an e-mail exchange among the FAC members regarding the letter to be sent to the School Board regarding the CIP, the language in which was documented in the approved May meeting minutes. In the e-mail exchange, several members expressed confusion over what was approved for the letter and had reinforced their opposition to any CIP options that did not also address the need to renovate Abingdon Elementary School with minimal delay. This exchange resulted in modified language for the letter to the School Board, which was accepted and approved during that e-mail exchange.

3. Committee Assignments and Ambassador Reports:

- Don Weinstein provided a brief overview of the CCPTA's May meeting, noting that the bulk of the session was devoted to an informational presentation by the President of Northern Virginia Community College, a talk by new County Board member John Vihstadt (who was formerly a CCPTA rep), and a CIP discussion led by John Chadwick.
- Due to the absence of Jim Meikle (who was ill) and Heather Obora (who was at a work commitment), there was no MC/MM update.

4. FAC Annual Report: Scott Prisco distributed copies of our FAC Annual Report that now includes an official response from APS/Facilities and Operations. It was noted that the report would formally be presented to the School Board on 17 June. Scott and John offered their praise for the outstanding work performed by the FAC members over the past year. Several members noted that the FAC has matured in its capabilities and work responsibilities over

the most recent 2-3 years. John noted that despite all of the hard work “we aren’t there yet on the CIP”, with many challenging processes still to be completed.

Don suggested that a future FAC session, either over the summer or in the fall, should be devoted to the operations and maintenance portion of our group’s charter, since virtually all of our attention this past year has been devoted to the CIP. Several other members suggested that a “FAC 101” tutorial session would be useful. Jason Rylander offered to schedule such a presentation at our September meeting.

5. Master Planning Committee: Kelly King noted that the MPC was holding a public “brainstorming” forum on 11 June; all FAC members are invited to attend. Kelly and Rebecca Hunter then outlined some of the work being done on the MPC sub-committees, which will wind down this month. Meg Tuccillo outlined the process by which the various MPC discussions would be compiled together over the summer. The compiled “Opportunities and Challenges” report is expected to be delivered to the Superintendent by the end of summer.

Don asked whether “grade skipping” and “early graduation” were being discussed as options to consider. He wondered whether students who were able to complete their high school requirements in less than eight terms should be allowed/encouraged to graduate early. It was noted that some students use the summer to move ahead in their studies, countering the perception that summer school is geared for students needing remedial help.

6. CIP Discussion: Mr. Chadwick provided an update on the CIP. The discussion included the following items:

--The “M” and “H” options, at the request of the School Board, have been combined into “S” (Secondary) options. This led to a discussion of how buildings can be designed to serve a variety of changing secondary school needs.

--The County Park behind Jefferson Middle School continues to be a favored location for a new south-county elementary school. The exact location for the school on the extensive site has not been determined, and may be influenced by the County.

--Comparing the Williamsburg site (New Elementary School #1) to the Jefferson site is not appropriate. The Williamsburg site is controlled by APS, while the Jefferson site is controlled by the County Board for use as a community park.

--FAC members are encouraged to participate in the upcoming “WRAPS” (Western Rosslyn Area Planning Study) Working Group kick-off meeting and walking tour on 21 June, which will include the Wilson School site.

--The height of the projected replacement Wilson school is subject to County height ordinances and will require discussions between APS and the County.

--Rebecca asked whether the public could see the line-item budgets for the major construction projects. John responded yes, but discouraged doing so, suggesting that readers without the appropriate financial and construction background would likely be confused and draw invalid conclusions from the raw data.

--Several members discussed the status of the Children's Center located at the Reed Center.

7. Project Updates: Scott noted that the Ashlawn Expansion is going well and should be ready for use in September. Similarly, the drilling of the geothermal field at Wakefield High School progresses on schedule, with 280 already drilled, leaving 100 more to be done. Scott briefly discussed the process by which the wells were being drilled and concrete poured.

There was discussion of the request from APS to purchase a small tract of land plus a ground easement from the Dominion Hills Recreation Association (DHRA), which is located immediately adjacent to Ashlawn Elementary School. The land purchase would enable the construction of a handicapped ramp at the side of Ashlawn, while the easement would provide for improvement and maintenance of a storm sewer.

While the DHRA Board of Directors initially approved the sale and the easement, several members of the pool have since raised strong objections, particularly to the land sale, which would result in the loss of several trees buffering the pool from the school. The DHRA Board has decided that, in light of the controversy, the sale and easement would go before the full pool membership for approval. John noted that there were alternative approaches to the planned handicapped ramp if the land cannot be purchased, but that the alternatives were more cumbersome.

Scott also said that site preparation is well under way at New Elementary School #1. He noted that there would be an additional \$100K to be paid out of the contingency reserve related to the fill being used on the field.

8. Year End Wrap-up: The FAC thanked outgoing chair Janine Velasco for her work over the past two years. She noted that Jason would be moving up to chair the FAC in the fall, assisted by Kelly as the new co-chair. The School Board will likely approve these assignments at an upcoming meeting. Greg Greeley will continue to chair the PCS, and Heather Obora (~~if willing~~) will continue to serve as the MC/MM representative. The FAC will likely gain one new member next year (to replace John Peck who is now on the west coast).

9. Next Meeting: The FAC will begin its 2014-15 work at a meeting tentatively scheduled for 8 September 2014 at a location to be announced.