

# ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

## MEETING AGENDA

September 8, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Ed Center, Room 101A/B

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approve Minutes**
3. **Introductions/New Members**
4. **School Board Introduction**
5. **Meeting Schedule, Mondays at 7:00 p.m.:** October 13\*(date to be confirmed), November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8
6. **FAC Chair Welcome and comments** – Jason Rylander
7. **Committee Assignments and Reports**
  - Projection/Capacity Subcommittee – Greg Greeley/Lionel White
  - ACI – **TBD**
  - CCPTA – Don Weinstein
  - MC/MM Program – **TBD**
  - TJ Workgroup – Greg Greeley/Janine Velasco
  - WRAPS – Kelly King/Heather Obara
  - Abingdon – Paul McAree
  - Ashlawn ES – Kelly King
  - New ES #1 – Ron Molteni
  - McKinley ES – Kelly King
  - Master Planning – Lionel White
8. **Project Updates** – Scott Prisco
  - Wakefield
  - Wakefield Bleacher/Concession Stand
  - Jefferson Waterproofing
  - New Elementary School
  - Ashlawn Addition / Renovations
  - McKinley Addition / Renovations
  - Barrett HVAC
9. **CIP Update**
10. **FAC Representation & Ambassadors in CIP Process**
11. **Review Policy/PIP changes** – Staff

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
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Members in attendance: John Chadwick, Gerry Collins, Christian Dorsey, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Rebecca Hunter, Jennifer Jackson, Kelly King, Greg Lloyd, Heather Obora, Miles Mason, Jim Meikle, Ron Molteni, Jason Rylander, Bill Schimmel, Jeff Turner, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein and Lionel White.

1. Welcome: The meeting was opened at 7:00pm at the Ed Center by School Board Chair James Lander, who—together with Board members Abby Raphael and Emma Violand-Sanchez and Superintendent Pat Murphy—thanked the FAC members for their hard work over the past year. Mr. Lander noted that Abby Raphael would this year serve as liaison between the School Board and the FAC. He also urged that the public conversation over the various options for expanding the number of school seats be “slowed down” since there are “many uncertainties” to be studied and dealt with. Dr. Violand-Sanchez urged the FAC to obtain input from the non-native English speaking community in South Arlington who may be affected by the More Seats initiative. Dr. Murphy added that APS was looking to the FAC for guidance and advice, and that numerous decisions have been informed by FAC input.

Ms. Raphael stressed that there was a “lot on the FAC’s plate” this year. She provided a brief update on the APS Capital Improvement Plan and the decisions to be made by the School Board over the coming months. She said that the School Board counted on the FAC members for their continuing input and participation in the capital planning process, including the highly successful Ambassadors program, which has facilitated improved outreach to the local stakeholder communities. She noted that FAC input is particularly helpful in narrowing down planning options and said that several of the FAC members are on various planning groups, such as the Jefferson Working Group and WRAPS.

Ms. Raphael then outlined the schedule for making capital planning decisions over the coming months. In December the School Board plans to decide on the location for a new elementary school. She noted that the School Board is currently leaning toward using the Jefferson site which they consider the most cost-effective option. In response to a question, she noted that work on the CDP (the non-capital options) has been slowed down. Janine Velasco asked that the School Board provide the FAC with any updates to their priorities.

Jason Rylander thanked the School Board and the Superintendent for their comments. He urged that the FAC should continue to have a major voice in the capital planning process, beyond that of the individual members who are participating in the many working groups that have been established to work on specific issues. The School Board members and Dr. Murphy then departed.

The members of the FAC were asked to briefly introduce themselves. New members Miles Mason and Bill Schimmel were welcomed. Bill is the liaison from the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, replacing Hans Bauman.

2. Approval of Minutes: Jason noted that the minutes from the June 2014 meeting had been electronically approved in late June, as previously agreed to by the FAC.

3. Committee Assignments and Ambassador Reports:

- Don Weinstein noted that the first CCPTA meeting of the year would be held on 15 September with Ted Hayes continuing as CCPTA Chair. Don noted that he would continue to serve as liaison and information conduit between the FAC and the CCPTA.
- Projection/Capacity Subcommittee: Greg Greely and Lionel White are continuing to work closely together. Lionel provided the Day 1 attendance numbers, reminding the members that the September 30 numbers—by which time all pre-K students should have arrived—are much more meaningful for planning purposes.
- ACI: Rebecca Hunter noted that she would continue to serve as liaison between the FAC and the ACI.
- MC/MM: Heather Obora will continue to work with Jim Meikle on Minor Construction/Major Maintenance. Jim noted that the school principals are currently preparing their lists of proposals for MC/MM funding.
- Thomas Jefferson Working Group: Greg Greeley noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of this newly established group was scheduled for 20 September. He also briefly described the various types of “open space”, stating that maximizing green space appears to be a neighborhood priority.
- WRAPS: Kelly King noted that this group, which is focused on the Wilson Site in western Rosslyn, has already met three times.
- Abingdon Modernization and Expansion: John Chadwick noted that the School Board has named an architect for the Abingdon construction. A BPLC has been appointed, which will soon start work. The FAC is looking for a volunteer to serve on this group.
- Ashlawn Expansion: The expanded Ashlawn Elementary School opened on schedule due, in part, to excellent support from the County. There is additional work to be completed in Phase 2 of this project.
- New Elementary School at Williamsburg: Ron Molteni said that construction is well underway, and that he has been asked to chair a committee that will suggest appropriate names for the new school.
- McKinley Expansion: Kelly King said that groundbreaking was scheduled for this summer.

4. Project Updates: John Chadwick, in place of Scott Prisco (who was attending a county planning meeting), provided brief updates on the major construction activities. John noted great progress at Wakefield High School: the geothermal field is in place, as are the new grandstands, press box and refreshment stand at the adjacent athletic facility, and the construction fences are coming down. New

artificial turf has been installed courtesy of the County. John discussed a tunnel that was being used to facilitate the repair of waterproofing at Jefferson Middle School. Installation of a new HVAC system at Barrett Elementary was completed in only 10 weeks due to “lessons learned” from recent HVAC projects. Finally, John noted that work on the Magnolia Bog (briefed to the FAC last spring), has been completed.

5. CIP Discussion: John Chadwick provided an update on the CIP. The discussion included the following items:

- The best option for adding elementary seats in South Arlington is to build a new school on the Jefferson site, according to Mr. Chadwick. Should that not be possible, additions will be built at Randolph and Barcroft Elementary Schools. John stressed that the additions would provide fewer seats at a higher cost than building a new school. The School Board has not decided if such a new school would be a neighborhood or a choice school.
- Work at Abingdon Elementary School will add 136 seats and significantly improve the entire facility. Work will be completed in September 2017. BLPC and PFRC meetings have been scheduled.
- Three sites are under consideration to relieve secondary overcrowding: the Wilson site (1300 seats), the Stratford site (1300 seats), and the Reed site (sufficient seats for the H-B Woodlawn and Stratford programs).
- Based on a survey conducted at the Arlington County Fair, APS will work to better incorporate public feedback into the capital planning process.
- The community engagement process and schedule were outlined.

6. Other Business: John asked for FAC volunteers to electronically review several draft Policy Implementation Procedures. Christian Dorsey, Jennifer Jackson, Don Weinstein and Jason Rylander offered their help. Jason also noted that there was a need for FAC members to volunteer to take on additional roles, such as serving on BLPCs.

7. Next Meeting: Jason asked if the members were willing to meet next on 13 October at H-B Woodlawn, despite it being Columbus Day. There were no objections.

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

- School Board Meeting: Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:30 PM
- 1300 Secondary Seat Key Stakeholder Representatives Work Session: Monday, September 15, 2014
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 7:30 PM
  - Info Item: Alternative to New Elem School
- Secondary Seats Community Meeting #1: Thursday, October 2, 2014
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:30 PM
- WRAPS Stakeholder Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2014 – Wilson
- **Next FAC Meeting**: Monday, October 13, 2014 (**tentative**)
- Secondary Seats Community Meeting #2: Thursday, October 16, 2014
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:30 PM
- Secondary Seats Community Meeting #3: Thursday, November 13, 2014
- School Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM
  - Info Item: Secondary Seats?
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:30 PM
- School Board Meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM
  - Action Item: Secondary Seats?