

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS
MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2019

7:00pm

Jefferson Middle School, Library

In attendance: John Chadwick, Jeffrey Chambers, Rosa Cheney, Michael DePalma, Michael Freda, John Giambalvo, Lois Koontz, Zachary Larnard, Steven Leutner, Greg Lloyd, Miles Mason, James Meikle, Colleen Pickford, Shellie Ramirez, Laura Saul Edwards, Heather Sauve, Stacy Snyder, Lisa Stengle

1. Minutes approved.
2. Capital Project Update (15 min): See detailed summary from Jeff.
 - a. Career Center/Arlington Tech: did not get bids for the upgrade work, so splitting work between two existing Job Order Contracts (JOC) contractors. APS expects limited impact to original budget. 8 relocatable classrooms will be installed in the parking.
 - b. Fleet: Building will be ready to accept students on Sept 3, 2019.
 - c. Ed Center: Demolition underway. Rec'd use permit on May 8.
 - d. Reed ES—construction will begin later this year, plan on obtaining use permit later this year.
 - e. Dorothy Hamm MS: Wet days have delayed construction by 6 months. 68 weather days is atypical, but the 6 months also accounts for the very wet soil conditions. This is difficult to negotiate up front since the weather predictions are never available at the time of contract negotiation. It will be possible to open the building on Sept 3, 2019 before the addition is completed because the renovations of the existing building will be substantially completed.
 - f. Gunston MS—need exterminators to address cockroach infestation.
 - g. Trades Center—demo completed, working with architect to adjust scope of work plan to meet budget, will be providing for 300+ bus drivers, etc even though altered from what original planned for a year ago.
 - h. Wilson—moving along rapidly, on time for September 3 opening. APS learned from this project not to take on a county-level street project again. A few hurdles with smoke evacuation system relating to timeliness of smoke/evacuation issues. Challenge getting it approved by the County.
3. Liaison update
 - a. CCPTA: limited updates.
 - b. ACI: limited updates. There are some changes being made to the PIP that impact how advisory committees operate. Draft language includes potential change to limit advisory committee advocacy to the County Board.
 - c. JFAC: limited updates.
4. Quincy St/Buck Review
 - a. Main purpose of the JFAC review was, for the short-term (~10yr use period), whether the County should do a land swap with the VA Hospital site or the bus storage lot in Shirlington

- b. JFAC also recommended doing a long-term plan for the site. However, County did not do that and is moving ahead with their uses.
 - c. School uses came up at the end, after they decided that there should not be a land swap and that the property should not be used for bus storage.
 - d. Presented updated Buck C impacts and Playing Field scenario impacts.
 - e. Playing Field scenario has been all but eliminated by the County Manager.
 - f. APS has been offered Buck 2 and Buck 4 buildings.
 - g. School uses at the site would not be full school facilities.
 - h. ~\$48M to convert the 2 buildings to school uses (~600 seats).
 - i. Cost does not include full gym, cafeteria, auditorium or outside play space
 - i. Also discussed using space for Trades Offices
 - i. Currently APS does not have enough space for APS bus parking.
 - 140 spaces for 200 buses
 - Moving Trades Center offices temporarily to Buck would allow for optimization of the Trades Center site and free enough surface parking for buses for the foreseeable future
 - ii. White fleet is currently parked at different location than Trades center- less efficient use of time and resources
 - Having offices and white fleet in one location would be more efficient
 - j. Surface/playing fields are difficult to fit in the site due to significant underground utilities and topography constraints.
 - k. APS has to respond by August “with interest” (no specific plans required).
 - l. Letter to APS SB:
 - i. FAC supports expressing interest in the two buildings offered by the County
 - ii. Suggested that FAC also state that APS would like long-term consideration of school uses on the entire site.
 - iii. Overall long-term planning of both County and APS uses on this site should be considered jointly
5. Final Report Discussion
- a. Generally approved
 - b. Discussion about the value of swing space, so that older schools can be demolished/expanded with limited disruption
 - c. Recommendation for “equitable” maximum number of students: suggest using a different word than “equitable” (maybe “fair and reasonable”?)
 - d. Address Amazon better. Suggest working with County staff to determine where Amazon staff will be relocating to. APS said the same issue occurs with State Department.
6. AFSAP Update: APS will send update (draft) to current FAC list.