

Joint School Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of the November 8, 2006 Meeting

A meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the Portsmouth Middle School, Room 106.

Attendance: Present:
Chair: Joanne Grasso, Councilor
City Council Member: Ned Reynolds, Tom Ferrini
School Board Members: Nancy Novelline Clayburgh, Sheri Ham Garrity, Mitchell Shuldman
Planning Board: Anthony Coviello
Advisory Members: Rose Sulley and Eric Weinrieb
Ex-Officio: John Stokel and Steve Bartlett

Call To Order: Chair Grasso called the meeting of the Joint School Advisory Committee to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The Chair called for the approval of the October 18, 2006 minutes. Mr. Ferrini moved and Ms. Ham Garrity seconded, the minutes be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Presentation: The Joint School Advisory Sub Committee presented to the committee a handout including:

- I. JSAC Subcommittee's minutes of their meeting October 31, 2006
- II. The Team Design Original Proposal Dated March 23, 2004 to Peter Torrey, Portsmouth School Department
- III. Team Design Letter Dated August 31, 2004 to Peter Torrey, Portsmouth School Department, Reference: Portsmouth New Middle School Request for Services
- IV. Team Design Letter dated November 8, 2006 to Steve Bartlett, Portsmouth School Department, Reference: Portsmouth Middle School Request for Services
- V. Table (1) Site Requirements for Jones Avenue and Parrot Avenue.

The Proposal dated March 23, 2004, handout II, was the original proposal. The one dated August 31, 2004, handout III, is a revised one where they added the site work selection part to their task list. The latest proposal is dated November 8, 2006, handout IV.

Ms. Sulley stated that information from the library study will be helpful. The subcommittee found at the meeting on October 31, 2006 that there was a lot of confusion. So the subcommittee developed the Table I to show what had been completed and what is needed. Team Design gave a

proposal to complete the study at Jones Avenue so it can be compared to the Parrot Avenue Site.

Proposal # II, which was to review the facility, square footage, complete floor plans to be discussed and some designs, was accepted by The School Board. That proposal was adjusted with #III, the new proposal, because the majority of #II was complete and a site was added. Because of the formation of the JSAC Subcommittee, Team Design did not continue with this new proposal.

The subcommittee believes that both sites warrant additional information.

Discussion:

Team Design has agreed to continue the work not to exceed \$25,000. The amount was approved by the City Council.

The Task List is what is needed to be completed to attain the 98% certainty that either or both sites would be viable.

Due to the weather tasks need to be completed so there would not be a delay until spring.

Team Design would provide construction costs for a generic cost comparison. An opinion. This would be just to see if there may be a large cost differential at each site.

Once the Table I tasks are complete, if the reports come back with the decision that both sites are workable, the decision making analysis must be completed to make a final choice to be presented to the board.

Mr. Ferrini handed out a Draft of a Flow Chart to help with the analysis and the process.

If both sites are viable and the Jones Avenue site is chosen, in order to meet the wetland litigation, the city could state that the reason they did not choose the Parrot Avenue site was the limited acreage which would not allow meeting the educational narrative.

Ms. Sulley made a motion to commission Team Design to continue to work on the Jones Avenue site and start the work on Parrott Avenue site as outlined in their proposal number IV not to exceed \$25,000, seconded by Mr. Weinrieb.

Mr. Weinrieb asked Team Design to look at the wetlands first. If the wetlands becomes a major issue to get a permit, they will stop the work. They would also look at making the footprints on the building taller to preserve as much land as possible and to meet the educational narrative.

Mr. Stokel stated that Team Design was originally told to ignore the Peirce Property when looking at the Parrot Avenue site.

In the Proposal, change paragraph 3 to the Peirce Parcel. Also it should read Jones Avenue and Parrott Avenue on Paragraphs 4 and 5 not and/or.

Mr. Bartlett will bring the contract to City Hall for City Manager Mr. Bohenko to sign.

It is requested that Team Design present alternative configurations to each site to the committee.

The motion was approved unanimously which will include Peirce Parcel and have and only, not and/or.

Mr. Reynolds will ask Dr. Arthur Maerlander to speak at the November 21, 2006 meeting.

The committee would also like the November 21, 2006 meeting to work on the decision making criteria, weights and priorities, the factors that are relevant in the decision to chose between these sites. There was a discussion to keep December 14, 2006 open if needed.

Ms. Ham Garrity handed out the Middle School Concept from the School Board.

Mr. Stokel handed out the projected enrollment from two years ago by Dean Mitchner on elementary, middle school and high school. projections through 2014. The first committee requested this information for Team Design.

Peter Britz, Planning Department, spoke briefly on the wetlands stating it depends on how much you are willing to do to get a permit.

The subcommittee will work on Phase II.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, November 21, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Portsmouth Middle School, Room 106

Thursday, December 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Portsmouth Middle School, Room 106 – possible meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 7:00 p.m. Portsmouth Middle School, Room 106.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

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