

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS
REVISED MEETING AGENDA
November 19, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Yorktown
Library

- 1. Welcome - Approve Minutes**
- 2. Bond Adoption (10 min)**
- 3. Liaisons (5 min)**
- 4. Capital Project Update (10 min)**
- 5. MC/MM Update (20 min)**
- 6. Ed Center Reuse (BLPC/PFRC)- Update (10 min)**
- 7. Audit Report – John Mickevice (20 min)**
- 8. Elementary School Boundary Discussion (20 min)**
- 9. Amazon – HQ2 Discussion (20 min)**
- 10. Subcommittee meeting for Common Space (5 min)**

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In attendance: Lida Anestidou, Jeffrey Chambers, Michael DePalma, Michael Freda, John Giambalvo, Reid Goldstein, Andrew Greenwood, Eric Harold, Lois Koontz, Zachary Larnard, Steven Leutner, Greg Lloyd, Miles Mason, Colleen Pickford, Shellie Ramirez, Laura Saul Edwards, Michael Shea, Stacy Snyder, Lisa Stengle, John Mickevici

1. Approve Minutes
2. Bond Adoption
 - a. Update provided by Laura Saul Edwards.
3. Liaisons
 - a. Miles Mason will be ACI liaison
 - i. ACI update: challenge in providing GT and language, esp. in middle school
 - b. Looking for volunteers to cover others.
 - c. JFAC Update (Colleen Pickford)
 - i. JFAC very interested in “what does APS need from us”
 - ii. APS has/will provide list of facilities’ needs, combination of short and long term needs
 - iii. Next meeting: Nov 28
 - d. BAC Update (Stacy Snyder)
 - i. Looking for partnerships to support budget needs (e.g., community colleges, mental health services)
 - e. CCPTA update (Laura Saul Edwards):
 - i. Intensive look at usage of PTA money
4. Capital Project Update: full summary provided; below are highlights
 - a. Career Center: working on plans for traffic study
 - b. Fleet ES: construction moving along
 - c. Ed Center: Ed spec should be approved in Jan 2019
 - d. Reed ES: Use permit approved; construction cost estimate is coming in below the \$55M budget.
 - e. Stratford: some delays due to wet weather/storms; working on recovery schedule
 - f. Wilson School: Have had issues getting electric and gas; should have power in the building by January; as of today, all permits for gas have been received and construction will begin next week
5. MC/MM Update
 - a. MC/MM funded ~\$5M-\$6M per year, and is distributed fairly evenly to all schools (looking at past 3 to 4 years)
 - b. Statistics on age, recent renovations can be found on APS website (under Statistics)
 - c. > 100 projects completed and >\$4M spent in 2018
 - d. Project completion rates have increased steadily, to 87% completion in FY2018

- e. School Project types for MC/MM include relocatable installations, internal room conversions, flooring, medium-sized HVAC/electrical/plumbing, theater/gym/kitchen/art & music room equipment upgrades, playground/parking lot/field upgrades
 - f. Division-wide Projects include gym/bleacher safety inspections, safety/security improvements, environmental testing for lead in water, etc.
 - g. Complete renovations/refreshes of schools are harder to do now because of lack of swing space, funding, etc. The MC/MM process does build in routine systems upgrades.
 - h. 2018 highlights: returned all leased relocatables and using newer purchased units; Room conversions; HVAC controls updates; new playgrounds, new PA and fire systems; flooring and painting; new storage sheds
 - i. Playgrounds are reviewed by safety officer annually; upgrades based more on equipment or safety
6. Ed Center Reuse (BLPC/PFRC)
- a. Had two of four meetings
 - b. Next meeting will cover transportation issues and building interior
 - c. Looking at constructing covered connection between W-L and Ed Center (security is a potential issue)
7. Audit Report – John Mickevics
- a. Comparable, line-by-line division costs for 30 schools in VA, MD and DC
 - b. Includes costs beyond APS ed specs, including: A/E fees due to additional meetings, escalation due to permitting issues, community amenities, off-site parking fees, structured parking, others
 - c. Conclusions:
 - i. construction costs are comparable to other jurisdictions;
 - ii. particular challenges such as site constraints, other factors; community engagement a significant factor;
 - iii. A/E and PM fees tend to be higher due to previous factors
 - iv. High schools less than two-thirds comparable HS; ES comparable
 - v. Construction market study concluded a 5% escalation should be used
 - vi. Competitive costs, labor competition, and materials competition all factor in higher costs
 - d. APS is applying lessons learned from this and recent construction to improve performance (e.g., Reed example)
 - e. Arlington and DMV generally more transparent in presenting costs (so harder to compare across the country)
8. Elementary School Boundary Discussion
- a. FAC should develop a statement to present to the SB at the public hearing next week
 - b. Some ideas:
 - i. Positives:
 - Robust process with well-defined considerations
 - Desirable to go to county-wide, routine boundary adjustments (every 3 to 5 years)

- ii. This is part of a County-wide process, so what lessons from this boundary process can be brought to the next?
 - iii. How does the County consider the impact on education when large populations are moved from one school to another during the boundary process?
 - iv. APS learned a lot from the public process
 - v. Boundary process needs to be more consistently done, frequently, county-wide
 - Some dissent on this (based on frequency, primarily)
 - vi. Will boundary/capacity be impacted if we had more option/immersion schools
 - vii. Western end of the Pike populations may have been impacted in this process
 - viii. Want watch language in letter that implies “harm” or other subjective terms that cannot be backed by data
 - ix. Emphasize positives from the process and how the process helped/hurt utilization of buildings
 - c. How can we understand how different schools have different capacities (e.g., some schools can operation at 120% capacity while others 105%)
9. Amazon – HQ2 Discussion
- a. FAC will put together a letter to send to the SB and the CB on the importance of integrated long-range planning
 - b. The arrival of Amazon should give us greater confidence that we will reach the higher levels of projected enrollment
10. Subcommittee meeting for Common Space
- a. The date of the upcoming meeting was announced, FAC members encouraged to attend.