

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2019 – 7:00 pm

Alice West Fleet Elementary – Library

In attendance: John Chadwick, Michael DePalma, Reid Goldstein, Charles Goyette, Sally Hoekstra, Sarah Johnson, Chandi Krohl, Steven Leutner, Greg Lloyd, Scott Milam, Colleen Pickford, Adam Rasmussen, Stacy Snyder, Lisa Stengle

1. Minutes from October 2019 approved
2. Lee Highway Community Forum Update:
 - a. Community planning for development on Lee Highway from Rosslyn to xx
 - b. Upcoming public Meetings
 - i. November 21, 7pm at Lee Highway Alliance Office: Public spaces, mobility and connectivity
 - ii. December 3 at Lee Highway Alliance Office: Land use
 - iii. December 9 at Lee Highway Alliance office: Neighborhood character and building form
 - iv. Lee Highway Alliance office location is 4630 Lee Highway, Suite 208
 - c. Community members are encouraged to take and share the online survey by November 30
3. ES Opportunities Missed
 - a. Statement from John Giambalvo read by Colleen Pickford
 - i. Disappointed that FAC was not brought into the ES boundary process prior to the announcement of the school moves
 - ii. The purpose of FAC is to advise on these very issues
 - b. FAC and APS staff members provided feedback on this process to date.
4. Liaisons Update – FAC liaisons provided updates on the activities of other APS advisory councils.
5. ES Pre-Boundary Discussion – APS Staff presented on the overall elementary school planning process. Staff presented the substance of the proposals as well as the thinking that went into developing the proposals. Questions that were raised during the discussion:
 - a. Looking at the impact of how moving Drew impacted the prior attendance – did those families all move with the Montessori program? Actual vs. projections of the attendance were off.
 - b. The school moves will inform the CIP as well.
 - c. Had three meetings during the Summer 2019 to review recommendations and get feedback to focus
 - d. Does the proposal consider the expanded walk zone proposal made two years ago?

Staff shared that the next FAC meeting is on 12/9 which coincides with the “What We’ve Heard Meeting.” There are two more “What We’ve Heard Meetings” after 12/9. Staff will share community feedback with the FAC to help inform next steps.

In closing, FAC members shared that staff needs to be clear to the community that in addition to the school moves, there will also be a school boundary change. Good talking point is that the school moves are not a boundary conversation and we want to focus on the moves first. This is about budget, school capacity and the CIP.

6. Columbia Pike Library

- a. Meeting on 11/18 is about the plan to share the second floor with the Career Center and the first floor will be renovated. The second floor would share space with the community in the evenings, weekends and breaks when not being used for the school.
- b. The plan would be if the County Board agrees to this, APS will proceed with the work over the summer 2020/fall 2020.
- c. This will mostly be funded through CIP funds for Arlington Tech which is already in place.

7. Enrollment Projection

- a. New template for projections – sample page distributed to FAC for feedback on the new format.
- b. FAC Committee members should share feedback directly with Robert Ruiz.
- c. Review of enrollment projections on December 4 at 6pm in room 401 at the Syphax Building. A sign-up to attend was passed around. You can also RSVP to Undram Nyamaa at undram.nyamaa@apsva.us.

8. CIP

Staff provided an overview of the status of the CIP process. Rather than pursuing new building, staff has developed a list of design studies to help identify the best available sites for additions/development. The sites are centralized along the corridors identified with the greatest student seat need. FAC members raised several questions, specifically around why staff has opted to not seek any stand-alone school sites and why no sites in the Richmond Highway corridor are included. Staff indicated that sites which could house new schools should be identified through the JFAC as they are county owned.