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BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE FINAL MEETING MINUTES February 15, 2019

Homer Building Gallery 7:30 AM 2019 FEB 28 AM 9: 27

Meeting #62

[Note: this meeting was rescheduled from 2/13/19 due to snowstorm]

Committee Members Attending:

Chair Lovallo; Members: Mike McAllister, Bob McLaughlin, Joe DeStefano, Joel Mooney, Diane Miller, Chris Messer, Emma Thurston, Jamie Shea, Steve Dorrance

From Daedalus: Tom Gatzunis, Shane Nolan, Tony DelGreco

From Perkins+Will: Brooke Trivas, Patrick Cunningham, Rick Kuhn, David Warner, Vital Albuquerque, Derek Shin

From Skanska: Mike Morrison

BHSBC Members Absent: John Phelan, Pat Brusch, Tom Caputo, Lisa Fiore, Patrice Garvin

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. by Chair Lovallo. He reviewed the agenda and turned to the first item.

II. Planning Board (PB) Update

Chair Lovallo informed the Committee that the Planning Board meeting on February 5 went well. The exterior design materials were reviewed. The southwest wing shift went over well. The PB requested more information on façade materials for the March 5 meeting. The PB, he said, would like to dig into the site plans, so that discussion will begin in March.

III. Building Exterior Materials Design Update

Ms. Trivas noted that the site package (58 drawings) for summer work was released. The staff "wishes" are trying to be implemented, but there is no guarantee that these requests will be met. Mr. Messer asked if the staff wishes are being referenced against the baseline plan. He expressed concern that if the scope changes, it could impact the overall budget. Ms. Trivas noted that the wishes are more centered on room layout, placement of copy machines, etc. She said they are merely wishes, and again, are not guaranteed. The BHSBC briefly discussed if these items are in or out of the overall scope. Chair Lovallo noted that they are being tracked and that none of the wishes have been approved. Concerning the exterior materials, Ms. Trivas noted that there are samples that the Committee can see and touch – later in the meeting.

Mr. Kuhn reviewed images of historic exterior materials across Belmont. He touched on the solar elevations, sunshades, and classroom sunshades. Chair Lovallo raised the issue of natural daylight and

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shades in the room. Ms. Shea noted that shades are often down (currently) in order to see the Smart Board; direct sunlight pouring in the classroom is not desirable. However, some daylight is desirable. Mr. Kuhn said that this issue is being looked into. There will be natural light, although, it might be diffused.

The issue of natural daylight was briefly explored.

Mr. Kuhn then reviewed views of the exterior sunscreens, vertical shades, vertical bends, blinds, curtain walls, glass areas, and stone base – each from an outdoor view point. He reviewed all sides of the building, noting columns, sun angles, and where glass, concrete, steel, and brick will be located. The location of granite base was briefly discussed. Entrance and exit doors were also discussed, especially as they pertain to the student athletes and faculty. Mr. Kuhn raised the topic of window seats in the classroom. Several members asked about height of the window seats and the cost impact of the seats.

The sunscreens were then explored in a bit more detail. Some BHSBC members liked them, others did not. Mr. Messer articulated his concerns and wondered if a pull shade could serve some of the same functionality. Mr. Dorrance expressed concern about the maintenance of the sunscreens as well as the mechanicals. Chair Lovallo raised the issue of cleaning the windows.

The BHSBC then reviewed the material samples that Perkins+Will brought in.

IV. Site Design and Materials Update

Mr. Warner reviewed the landscape update. He discussed pathways, island thresholds, field space, vegetation, green space, and tree planting. Maintenance of the school landscape was briefly explored. The DPW maintains the fields; the lawn is done by school custodial staff. Mr. Warner reviewed site furnishings, noting that they are all durable and widely used. Trash receptacles were briefly explored. Furniture, for the most part, will be anchored down. He then reviewed bike racks (covering, location, and materials), water fountains (location, bottle filler?), as well as lighting fixtures (type of lighting, location of the fixtures, etc.) Chair Lovallo noted that lighting is a much more broad conversation — e.g., purpose, safety, where it fits with the building and with the landscape.

[By this point in the meeting, there was no longer a quorum, so no further official business could be completed.]

V. Comments from Belmont Residents

There were no residents at this meeting.

Next Full Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. Homer Building, 3rd Floor

Related Meeting Documents

- 1. Belmont High School Building Project, Quarterly Update
- 2. Daedalus Total Project Cost Summary

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Adjournment

The meeting ended at 9:50 without a quorum.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Gibalerio

Approved:

Chris Messer, Secretary

Date