

**Preliminary Rink Design Committee (PRDC)  
Final Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 24, 2022  
Virtual Zoom Meeting  
7:30 AM**

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DATE: June 1, 2022  
TIME: 9:19 AM

*Preliminary Rink Design Committee (PRDC) Members Virtually Attending:*

Mark Haley, William Shea, Stephen Sala, Meg Moriarty, Frank French, Dante Muzzioli, Tom Caputo

*From CHA:* Tom Gatzunis

## **I. Call to Order of the Preliminary Rink Design Committee (PRDC)**

The Preliminary Rink Design Committee meeting (#14) was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Haley.

## **II. Update: Design Process**

Chair Haley noted that he and others from the Committee met this week with Ted Galante. Mr. Galante is looking at four different schemes for the rink. He is also developing rooms (of varying sizes) based on the proposed programming. He is spending time at the rink, taking pictures. Chair Haley explained the role of the electric light cables and where they are currently placed and what areas they service. Utility drawings have been provided by Belmont Electric.

Chair Haley explained that they are looking at site drawings to see if there is contamination on the site; other than one underground storage tank, the site appears to be clean. He stated that up to three members of the PRDC will be meeting on Monday afternoons with the Design Team.

In answer to a question from Mr. Caputo, Chair Haley next discussed the White Field House (WFH). It looks like it may not be worth the expense to bring it to code – it might be a tear down situation. Mr. Gatzunis described the spending threshold (up to \$150K) as well as several scenarios concerning the White Field House (storage, etc). Mr. Muzzioli noted that the White Field House is an energy mess and that the showers and bathrooms are in disrepair. The transfer of the existing WFH lockers to the high school was explored.

Mr. Sala discussed his concerns about a renovation of the rink. He noted that not much is known about the foundation, the footings, etc. Salvaging the building raises a lot of concerns given the unknowns about the structure of the building. He noted that the structure could have lead paint on it. Mr. Gatzunis said it likely is covered in lead paint.

Ms. Moriarty asked about the proposed 200 seats – is that an increase to what exists now? Mr. Muzzioli said the current rink does not have 200 seats. She then asked about the full brainstorming of various designs. A certain group could latch on to some of the ideas put forth – either in support of or against. She used the example of moving the rink to Concord Ave. She noted that this will block sight lines to the field, which could raise safety concerns.

Chair Haley added that the public will need to be brought into this conversation. He noted he has

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spoken to Mary Trudeau (Conservation Commission) about placing tennis courts near the Library/Pool site. This was briefly discussed.

Mr. French agreed that narrowing down the options makes sense given the timeline. He added -- we need to get to an efficient design to present to the town for a November vote. Underground parking and roof top tennis courts may create an unwieldy project scope and could slow the process down. Mr. Muzzioli stated that it makes sense to keep a variety of options on the table. He added that Mr. Galante is very creative and we need to hear the options that he puts forth.

### **III. Discussion of Cost Proposal from CHA and Galante Architectural Studio**

Chair Haley informed the Committee that Mr. Galante sent in a budget of about \$140K. The budget included a breakdown of sub-consultants. The structural costs seemed high because of the White Field House. The Galante budget will continue to be worked on. Mr. Gatzunis said that the CHA budget is being developed now. It should be ready soon. Chair Haley noted that both budgets will need Select Board approval. He then discussed the state funding earmark that Senator Brownsberger put forth and the potential for state reimbursements.

### **IV. New Business**

Ms. Moriarty noted that there is a School Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 12. Perhaps this could be a date the PRDC can present the design findings?

Mr. Caputo stated that it is important to involve the residents in this process sooner rather than later. He suggested getting a date set to engage the community. Several dates were explored. The evening of April 7 (via Zoom) was put forth.

### **V. Public Comments**

None.

### **VII. Next Meeting:**

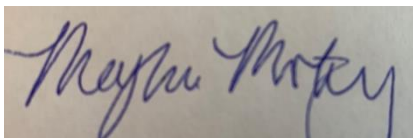
Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 a.m.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Haley ended the PRDC meeting at 8:19 a.m., following a motion made by Mr. Muzzioli.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Gibalerio



Approved:

Meg Moriarty, Secretary

Date: May 31, 2022

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