

**Preliminary Rink Design Committee (PRDC)  
Final Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022  
Virtual Zoom Meeting  
7:30 AM**

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DATE: June 1, 2022  
TIME: 9:20 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, Don White

Others: Ted Galante (and members of the Galante team)

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

The Preliminary Rink Design Committee meeting (#17) was called to order at 7:33 a.m. by Chair Haley.

**II. Architect to Provide Design Progress Updates**

Chair Haley informed the PRDC that he and Mr. Galante reviewed the program and explored the plans – which will be based on costing. This group needs to agree that the program is right and then the plans need to be reviewed with the School Department.

Mr. Galante presented a study entitled *Belmont Athletic Complex*. He briefly reviewed the history of the building and its deficiencies. Next, he summarized the program overview, e.g., ice, lockers, Zamboni, concessions, storage, office, etc. Concerning ZNE, he discussed how energy (embodied energy) could be captured and reused. The building needs to be insulated. He noted what if anything could be reused from the existing rink (probably just the main girders). He discussed the possibility of a renovation (renovate and expand) versus a total rebuild. He noted parking possibilities on the site. He reviewed potential plans for the inside of the building (e.g., locker areas, restrooms, ice, concessions, Zamboni, storage, community area, dressing rooms, perimeter seating, first aid area, and office space).

Mr. Galante continued, noting that the proposed building is large at 48,000 square feet. He discussed the potential for PV panel placement for the roof. He then discussed the notion of placing tennis courts on the roof, which would require stairs and an elevator. All of this will impact the fields and he explained possible diagrams and footprints for the nearby fields. He touched on several “phasing diagrams” and noted where construction zones might be placed.

Chair Haley added that getting the programs and sizing correct will be very important for costing accurately. The pricing will happen in different categories, with a base cost and add on items. What this all entails – broken out in pieces – will need to be presented to the Select Board, Town Meeting, etc.

*PRDC Comments*

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Mr. Muzzioli noted that the multiple locker spaces will support many other athletic programs, e.g., track, football, etc. Chair Haley provided more details on the locker room spaces and their uses. He discussed the public spaces. Mr. Shea noted that both money and land will be required for this proposal. The land/space available is finite and will need to be capitalized on. Mr. French said he liked the ice rental idea which broadens the use of the rink. He said he is concerned about tennis court placement on the roof because of cost escalation. Mr. Caputo asked if the Harris Field locker rooms are absolutely necessary as they are taking up a good deal of space, which will impact the overall cost of the project. Chair Haley replied that this (home and away locker rooms) is a program the School Dept. requested. Mr. Caputo next asked about the program costs of building new versus renovate and expand. Mr. Muzzioli discussed parking; he noted that an underground parking lot will be cost prohibitive.

### *Public Comments*

Ms. Schreiber advocated for a simple design as cost is a big constraint. She said she likes the “pricing in options” strategy. She noted that the numbers of hockey players exceeds 25, which is what the locker room can accommodate.

Mr. Iler, School Street, expressed concern that ZNE is an “afterthought”. If courts are placed on the roof, PV panels cannot be placed there. PV provides revenue. Energy costs and climate change concerns are serious and important to the public. Chair Haley responded that this building will not be ZNE, but it will be carbon efficient. Mr. Galante added that ZNE is not being systematically dismissed; all options are being evaluated, including geothermal wells. ZNE was briefly discussed.

### **III. Update: Fundraising Committee**

Mr. French noted that there is a fundraising effort spearheaded by a Belmont Youth Hockey (BYH) subgroup in order to help raise money to offset the taxpayer burden. There is almost \$400K raised. Naming opportunities are being explored for the lobby, locker rooms, ice surface, score boards, etc. The Galante team will help with renderings to present to potential donors to see where their name would be placed and what it might look like.

Mr. Muzzioli thanked the fundraising BYH subgroup and Mr. French.

### **IV. New Business**

None.

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

Not decided yet.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

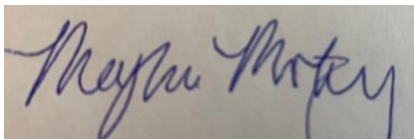
Mr. Muzzioli ended the PRDC meeting at 8:30 a.m., following a motion made by Mr. Caputo.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Gibalerio

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Approved:

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Meg Moriarty, Secretary

Date: May 31, 2022

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