

PHASE II SCHOOL DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 1

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Peruzzotti, Harrell, Ritter, Smuts, Scott, Koehler, Shirvell (7:10 p.m.)
Staff: Oefinger, Kadri, Greenleaf, Bresnyan
JCJ: Smolley, Celella
Other: Beverly Washington

2) RECEIPT OF CITIZENS PETITIONS / COMMENTS - None

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 22, 2009

A motion was made by Harrell, seconded by Ritter, to adopt the minutes of October 22, 2009.

The motion carried 5 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention (Smuts).

Notes from the November 12, 2009 meeting (no quorum) were distributed for informational purposes only.

4) ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Review of the Master Planning Study - Phase 2

Mr. Smolley noted that the draft Master Planning Study – Phase II report was distributed to the Committee. He asked that comments be forwarded to the Town Manager’s office by January 7th. Shirvell arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Smolley reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the draft report, including an overview of the initial effort Phase II efforts. When focus shifted to the middle schools, three different configurations were studied. Projected enrollments showed that a northwest/southeast breakdown across the Town provided the best balance. Next, a building program was developed from the Vision Committee Report. Mr. Smolley reviewed state funding guidelines. Programs for one, two and three middle school scenarios were compared with the state guidelines, leading to the decision that three middle schools would not be workable. Optimal sites were identified for one or two schools. The scope of the study was then expanded to include the addition of a pre-K program. Updated enrollment projections were reviewed along with potential grade configurations. The optimal grade configuration was identified as pre-K-1 (2 schools); 2-6 (four schools); 7-8 (one school); and 9-12 (one school). Programs were developed using the state guidelines and the Board of Education’s program requirements. The larger programs were used for test fits on various sites. Optimal sites identified for pre-K-1 were S. B. Butler and West Side Middle School; 2-6 at Kolnaski, Northeast Academy, Cutler and either Charles Barnum or Mary

Morrison; and one middle school on one of three sites (Downes-Patterson, Merritt or Kolnaski). Mr. Smolley provided an overview of the site specifics and test fits. The final portion of the presentation dealt with potential schedules based on different referendum dates and cost projections for the projects.

Discussion followed on land acquisition costs. Mr. Smolley noted that the test fits are conceptual; the final design will match educational specifications.

B. Adoption of 2010 Regular Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Smuts, seconded by Koehler, to approve the 2010 Regular Meeting Schedule as proposed.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Other - None

5) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Smuts, seconded by Harrell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.