

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 2019
Homer Building Gallery
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Meeting #65

Committee Members Attending:

Chair Lovallo; Members John Phelan, Mike McAllister, Pat Bruschi, Bob McLaughlin, Joe DeStefano, Diane Miller, Chris Messer, Emma Thurston, Jamie Shea, , Steve Dorrance and Patrice Garvin

From Daedalus: Tom Gatzunis, Tony DelGreco

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

From Skanska: Mike Morrison

BHSBC Members Absent: Tom Caputo, Joel Mooney, Lisa Fiore

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chair Lovallo. He then reviewed the agenda and turned to the first item.

II. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Chair Lovallo noted that there are two sets of Minutes to approve this morning.

Mr. McLaughlin moved: To approve the Minutes of 2/27/19.
The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mclaughlin moved: To approve the Minutes of 3/13/19.
The motion passed unanimously.

III. Traffic Working Group Update

Chair Lovallo gave an update of the Traffic Meeting with Glenn Clancy:

- There is a big push to get the word out that *all* Belmont streets are 25 mph, unless posted otherwise
- There are consultants hired to cover 3 neighborhoods:
 - Hittenger/Trowbridge - Nelson Nygaard (separate team)
 - Goden St - BSC group
 - Concord Ave design – Nelson Nygaard (same separate team)
- A full review of the Traffic design will be presented in the May timeframe
- In the September 2019 through 2021, the construction phase the traffic pattern at the high school will run in a clockwise pattern. This is a change from the original counter clock-wise

pattern.

IV. Security Design Update

Superintendent Phelan stated the following:

- Many meetings with P+W, security consultants, and town officials to design a security system that serves a distinct purpose: keeping the building occupants safe.
- Overall philosophy behind the plan is to keep the bad people from entering the building
 - Creating a modified “man trap” type of entry for visitors
 - Intake window will allow for a full screening of credentials by staff
 - Identification badge to be issued and then the door to the school is opened
 - All perimeter doors will be locked from the outside
 - Certain doors will have fob readers – which allows staff to move themselves and students in and out of the building
 - Security cameras will be used
 - Every effort is being made to maintain an open campus for the students
 - Safety and security procedures that are in place today will be enhanced with better security technology
- Fieldhouse, Pool, and Auditorium:
 - Public access has been reviewed to ensure easy access and allow the school to be secure while these spaces are in use.
 - The high school entry to the auditorium will require staff for events. The appropriate FF&E will be needed to assist in crowd control for events.

Overall, Superintendent Phelan felt very confident about the team’s approach. The security plan is now part of the DD package.

V. Site Lighting and Planting Design Update

Chair Lovallo asked the committee to review three options, with an emphasis in having a direction to present to the Planning Board.

David Warner from P+W reviewed the Planting Design to the BHSBC:

Option 1 Groundcovers and Grasses

Option 2 Groundcovers and Lawn

Option 3 Lawn

- Lots of discussion from all BHSBC and residents in attendance
- DPW will own the maintenance and will be asked for input
- Consensus from the Committee was Option 2: groundcovers and lawn. Additional considerations on what types of plantings to be developed.
- Special attention was discussed to make sure plantings and hardscape steer students and visitors to use walkways and paths.
- Tree species were reviewed.
- The Committee agreed that new trees purchased would be 4 to 4.5 inches in trunk diameter.

Rick Kuhn from P+W reviewed the Lighting Design:

- Overview of pedestrian, street, and building lighting locations
- Examples of the different fixtures for each category were reviewed by the BHSBC
- Concerns about “over lighting” the pond were discussed
- Making sure a durable (50 year) product would be part of the selection process
- Fixture placement should not go directly on walkways or paths to avoid snow removal damage

VI. Discussion: Possible Impacts of Community Path and Rink Impacts

- Chair Lovallo reviewed several options for a new ice rink at Concord Ave. All sketches have unique impacts to the west side athletic fields. More discussion forthcoming.
- Community Path - South side of tracks have the existing dimensional space of 30 feet and the North side of the track has 70 feet. It was noted that the path does not have to be on town property. No impact to the current site design is anticipated at this time if the Community Path is placed on the South side.

VII. Comments from Belmont Residents

Anne Paulson comments:

- Importance of drive 25 mph throughout the town, with slower vehicles speeds parents/guardians of children will feel better about letting children walk/bike to school
- Important to select the appropriate groundcovers and lawns that do not require chemical fertilizers and pesticides, given the proximity to the pond

VIII. Next Full Building Committee Meeting

Friday,	April 12, 2019	at 7:30 a.m.	Homer Building, 3 rd Floor
Monday,	April 22, 2019	at 5:00 p.m.	Homer Building, 3 rd Floor
Wednesday,	April 24, 2019	at 7:30 a.m.	Homer Building, 3 rd Floor

X. Related Meeting Documents

1. P+W Groundcovers and Lighting
2. West Fields and Rink study


XI. Adjournment

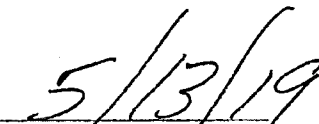
The meeting ended at 9:44 a.m. by Mr. McLaughlin.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chris Messer

Approved:


Chris Messer, Secretary


Date