

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

January 13, 2019

7:00 pm

Present were Mr. Zawatsky, Mr. Guida, Ms. Clancy, Dr. Anderson, Mr. Fahey, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Finn, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Hervey, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Learned, Mr. Messoro and Mr. Terrell. Absent Mr. Brenner.

Also present were Mr. Trim and Mr. Schimble of KBA, and Mr. Rubeck of Peregrine.

Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Mr. Guida asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting. Mr. Zawatsky moved and Mr. Fiore seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Guida, Mr. Fahey and Mr. Feeney abstained.**

Mr. Guida asked if anyone had an objection in taking an agenda item out of order. Hearing no objections, the Committee heard from Mr. Clinton from VHB in regards to the traffic study.

### **Traffic Study Update**

Mr. Clinton presented to the Committee his report regarding the traffic study that was performed on November 5<sup>th</sup> to assess post construction conditions. The morning is the critical peak. After this study was performed the State has established a pedestrian phase for the traffic lights at the intersection of Middle Highway and Lincoln Avenue.

The three recommendations that Mr. Clinton has made in his report would be to:

1. Add a right turn only sign at the Middle Highway parking exit during peak periods. Mr. Learned stated that the Administration will be adding this sign.
2. Eliminate the crosswalk across Middle Highway at the Post Office, and
3. Consider installing speed feedback signs along Middle Highway.

Mr. Hervey asked about the recommendations in VHB's 4-page summary previously distributed to the Committee, which included modifications within the School property, as well as, on Lincoln Avenue in the immediate vicinity of the school. He asked how the decision was made to shorten the report significantly, to include just those three recommendations in the latest one-page document from VHB. He said he is concerned that the new location of the school at the site, now much closer to Lincoln Avenue compared to the old school, likely altered walking routes as for some kids in Roberta Plat who have a more direct route to school by following Lincoln Avenue as opposed to using the path off Virginia Avenue. He said covering the cost of safety improvements for bikers and walkers (on-site and off-site) could be a justifiable cost to include in the Middle School budget since it would be addressing project-related impacts.

Mr. Zawatsky made a motion regarding the intersection work at Middle Highway and Lincoln Avenue. He moved to have RIDOT perform the work at this intersection, in accordance with its commitment to do so in 2022. The Committee had considered whether to contribute to the cost of these improvements in order to facilitate earlier completion. Based on the results of the latest traffic study, the Committee has decided not to do so. Mr. Zawatsky would also like to make a recommendation to the DOT to eliminate the crosswalk that currently exists, as well as the proposed crosswalk shown on the contract documents. Also, that the District will install a “right-turn-only during peak hours” sign at the Middle Highway exit of the school parking lot. The Committee also agreed to ask DOT to install speed feedback signs and to take other measures to improve notice to the community and drivers that this is a school zone. Dr. Anderson seconded the motion.

After a lengthy discussion by the Committee the motion passed 11-1 with Ms. Jacobs voting against the motion.

### **OPM Update**

Mr. Ruback updated the Committee on completion of punch list items and closeout documents with a completion goal of 2/14/2020.

The opening of the permanent entrance to the site from Middle Highway is targeted for 1/31/2020.

Ms. Clancy asked whether the issue with the installation of the recognition bricks had been resolved. Mr. Schimble will walk the site to make sure they are installed properly.

Mr. Zawatsky stated that the concrete pavers that are directly outside the entrance are misaligned. These are trip hazards. Mr. Zawatsky also pointed out that the aluminum strips that come out from the front of the brick are all beat up. He asked whether this is something that occurred during construction or post occupancy. Is this on the punch list? Mr. Zawatsky also asked when the next follow up on warranty items will take place. The architect and engineers will provide a 10 month walk-thru after the Phase 1 completion. This will take place during the summer of 2020. Mr. Zawatsky stated his concern that August would be too late to address any identified items.

Mr. Ruback reviewed the budget.

Change Orders to date amount to \$2,721,989.23. Mr. Ruback reviewed the pending CORs which total \$75,190.66.

Mr. Guida informed the Committee that there was a discussion at the Co-Chairs’ meeting on Friday about the right time to make a statement to the community regarding how much under

budget the project may be, and how much more reimbursement the community may receive than was originally expected.

Mr. Fahey asked Mr. Rubeck about the multi roof leaks and whether these leaks have been addressed. Mr. Rubeck discussed this with Brait Builders and they have reported that the leaks were all repaired.

### **KBA Report**

Mr. Schimble reviewed the change orders with the Committee.

The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2020.

**Mr. Learned made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Mr. Fiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**