



Franklin School Building Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes Thursday 10/05/23 at 6:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

School Building Committee Members	CHA – Owner’s Project Manager
Jonathan Yeo Emily Prenner Josh Morse Mark Chitty Ayesha Farag Maureen Lemieux Anping Shen Paul Levy Liam Hurley Andrea Kelley Julia Malakie Pam Wright Aaron Goldman Jessica Allen	Tom Gatzunis Amanda Sawyer Aditya Modi
	Working Group
	Stephanie Gilman David Stickney Alex Valcarce Maura Tynes
	HMFH Architects
	James Liebman Melissa Greene

1. Welcome Public

2. Project Update

Melissa presented the notes from last SBC meeting. She gave an overview about the 3 buckets of design options for the school building i.e.,

- Option A – New construction on fields
- Option B – New construction on existing footprint
- Option C – Addition + Renovation

Melissa also provided insights on why certain options under these buckets were canceled. A4 & B4 were canceled due to long building layout which was affecting parking. B3 had higher elevation & challenges for ADA. A3 had similar issues to B3. C1 was getting too close to site boundary. C3 had entry issues and compressed the fields.

It was emphasized that above canceled options can be added back into consideration anytime if need be.

Jonathan Kantar asked that it was established that passage through Cherry Street (Option A1) is not optimal & it was going to be checked with the Fire Department. Melissa responded that it is still in consideration only because it can work but is not ideal.

Melissa then provided a high-level overview of other options that are still in consideration.

Mike Halle pointed out that in option C4, the ADA ramp is really close to the intersection. Melissa responded by saying it is gradable, but difficult.

A2 option has parking on one side which is a nice feature.

B1 is a flipped A2. Can have two entrances into the parking lot from Cherry St. & Derby St.

Jonathan asked how is everything working at Cabot school since it has main entry to cafeteria? Alex replied saying Cabot has entries, one into the main plaza and other into the cafeteria. People are using both the entries and it's working well.

Carol Schein asked what is the red area on the plans? Melissa responded that red hatch is the plaza area, and the red dashed line is existing building footprint.

Mike Halle asked how will the students drop off work in option A2? Melissa responded saying parents and bus drop off will be on Derby St. The students will arrive at the entry zone and there will be a gentle ramp from there into the school.

Mike pointed out that the width of Sidewalk appears small. He also mentioned that some parents wait till their child has entered into the building. Are we planning for that?

Melissa mentioned that Cherry St. access is pedestrian, and some people can use that.

Josh starts explaining about the criteria matrix in detail. He points out that we are not taking a vote tonight, just trying to get a consensus among the committee members.

Emilie Chang asks if the on-site street parking on Derby St. will be taken away?

Josh replied that the project team will be evaluating parking management plan. The number of parking spaces that have been planned will accommodate all the teachers and only part-time teachers may have to park on the street.

Emilie responds that Derby St. becomes a 1-lane St. as people park there and it gets very tight.

Alex mentioned that Peter noticed some clerical errors in the calculation of the matrix to which Josh responded that he will update it.

Josh mentions that the school staff really votes on new construction as it allows them to stay in the existing building during construction. He also pointed out that the next SBC meeting goal is to build consensus and take a vote.

The Design Review Committee will vote first followed by the School Building Committee. After that the Project team will dig deep into the selected design option and try to make it more favorable.

Meeting Adjourned.