



Newton - Franklin School

Meeting Date:	May 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM	Design Review Committee Meeting
Prepared by:	Amanda Sawyer – CHA	Zoom Conference Call

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Keith HMFH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Murphy, NV5
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Item	Description:	Action
	<p>There was general discussion prior to the meeting being called to order about the Parent/Community meeting Josh Morse was scheduling for parents and community members to share input regarding temporary school vs. remain on campus during construction options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Halle shared his thoughts on parents of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders feeling the impact more than those of 4th and 5th graders. • Families within the buffer zone may choose which elementary school to attend. • It was noted that Burr zone community is concerned about construction. 	
1	Call of Order: 6:03	Record
2	<p>General Update</p> <p>J. Morse introduced the 5-58 Site Plan Approval process and explained the process that the project team has been following to get the project to this stage.</p>	Record
3	<p>Project Review/Design update</p> <p>J. Liebman discussed the process that project team has undergone meeting with various groups within the city government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Review (Transportation School Advisory Board) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduction of 6 vans to 4 vans ○ More staff parking available in proposed design ○ Recommended measures from the Traffic Report have been considered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crosswalk locations ▪ Flashing crossing lights • Stormwater Management Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plan has been submitted to the Newton Engineering Dept for review/comments. ○ Infiltration systems are planned to be located on the east side of the property. ○ Geothermal wells are being planned to be located on the west side of the property below the parking lot. • Trees and Plantings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trees being removed and replaced were reviewed as well as additional trees and plantings. ○ Existing trees to remain were also discussed and pointed out. <p>J. Liebman reviewed the General Site Plan pointing out pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation, along with playgrounds and fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkways & bike paths 	Record



- Drop-offs – vans, bus, and parent
- Playgrounds and fields

J. Liebman reviewed the Floor Plans pointing out updates and developments that have occurred based on feedback from various groups including, DRC, teachers, and Working Group.

- The Administration area has become more enclosed based on feedback from faculty and staff.
- General updates and progress development have occurred to the three-story academic wing, one story cafeteria and gym, and two-story Library volume.

M. Greene reviewed the exterior façade material palette and exterior views of the building and surrounding landscape.

- The materials discussed include brick with texture/shadow relief and phenolic wood panels.
- 3D views were shared.
 - “Franklin” freestanding signage was shared and described as a welcoming gesture to the school community as they approach the building.
 - The phenolic panels were described as look/feel of wood but fade resistant and durable.
 - The massing of the building was reviewed. M. Greene explained the design intent of the massing, and materiality, of the building by creating “bookends” to define the entry way.
 - The Main Entry of the building features the Franklin School Falcon mascot on the corner of the entry canopy as a touch of whimsy and school pride.
 - The general façade brick design creates texture and shadow pattern creating visual interest.
 - The stair tower features square punched window openings in a random pattern.
 - West Elevation was reviewed:
 - Secondary entrance to the cafeteria
 - Music room massing was discussed.
 - Parking located on west end of the site with access to cafeteria.
 - Site wall and plantings were added to protect the cafeteria glass wall from potential vehicular accents.
 - Service entrance for voting and services deliveries was pointed out.
 - Cherry St. path view was reviewed showing east stair tower matching the southside stair tower.
 - Northside view
 - Similar detailing and materiality as other facades for design continuity.
 - Gym door on northside could be used for voting, as well as general school/PE class access to outside.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments/Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M. Halle asked about bikers and bike travel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ M. Greene explained there are safe pathways for bikes and options for them for entering the building. ▪ J. Liebman pointed out bike rack locations. ▪ M. Halle asked if bike racks would be covered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Liebman responded that racks are not currently planned to be covered but this can be discussed in Design Development. ○ D. Gillespie expressed concerns about lead times for certain materials and suggested the team look at multiple ways to build the in case of delays or difficulty procuring certain materials/equipment. He also asked about generator location. ○ P. Barrer asked about the project budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ J. Morse responded that the project team is working on reconciling the cost estimates and budget but that it is on target. ○ S. Gilman commented she would like to see the design team to continue to investigate the van drop off and pick up area and the details of how it works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ J. Liebman responded that they will be working closely with Newton traffic in the next month in design development to review details. 	
4	<p>Vote to Approve SD for Site Plan Approval</p> <p>A. Valcarce reviewed Conditions for moving forward to Design Development and Site Plan Approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued design development to occur. • Study NetZero design options including geothermal systems, ground source heat pumps, VRF systems, and solar (PV systems). • Develop circulation (pedestrian, bike, and vehicular) • Study photometric plan • Stormwater management design refinement. • Playground accessibility – continue to work closely with Parks & Rec. • Netting at fields • Work with neighbors regarding fencing and plantings • Continue to work with city departments. <p>Comments</p> <p>A. Kelly stated she appreciates the important aspects Alex has reviewed. She would like to go on record that she doesn't understand the color selections for the façade (yellow) and window arrangement. She would like to see more development and discussion around the selection of exterior materials and window arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Valcarce agreed more development would occur during Design Development to establish the materials and facades. 	



	<p>M. Halle expressed concerns around memorial trees that neighbors have discussed. He'd like to see a more sustainable way of remembering and honoring individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Remembrance Garden was suggested, and M. Halle would like that included in the Conditions. <p>P. Barrier asked that "towards" not "to" NetZero be used in the Conditions as a more realistic immediate goal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Morse explained that this does not preclude NetZero from happening. • J. Kantar stated that solar and geothermal is how we will meet our sustainability goals same is true for the with countryside school. <p>J. Morse clarified that the project team will continue to work with neighbors, not just direct abutters on details and concerns related to the neighborhood.</p> <p>A. Valcarce continued - the development of this 71,000-sf new school- including developing solar, Storm water system, bus loop, traffic, cross walks, raised tables, pollinator garden, and planting trees, is appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Halle noted that a Derby and Cherry Street pedestrian and drop off analysis will be needed. <p>A motion that "the Committee believes the design is appropriate and should be brought to City Council for approval" was made by P. Barrer and seconded by J. Kantar – approved Unanimously by the committee.</p> <p>J. Morse explained the steps moving forward for the 5-58 is a very prescriptive process that the project is following. There may be a delay before this group meets again as there will need to be a public hearing, facility committee, finance committee, and then back to design DRC Franklin. The design team will be working hard in preparation for our next meeting.</p>	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourn Franklin School: 7:23pm 	Record

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