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MINUTES

Library Construction Committee

November 25 2019, 6:30 PM

John F. McCulloch Building

Mary McElroy Meeting Room

182 Green Street

Weymouth, MA 02191

Members Present: Nicholas Bulens, Chair
Robert MacLean, Vice Chair
Rebecca Barbara
Dennis Corcoran
Diana Flemer
Mark Jennings
Maureen Kiely
John MacLeod
Matthew Tallon
Cathy Torrey

Members Absent: George Berg
Ted Langill
Jennifer Barrett Siegal

Also Present: Mary Mahoney, Hill International
Steve Reilly, Weymouth Recreation Director
Timothy Pesko, Childscapes

Recording Secretary: Janet P. Murray

Mr. Bulens called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes - October 28, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. Flemer to APPROVE the minutes from October 28, 2019 and was seconded by Ms. Barbara. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

2. Presentation: Weston Park Playground Design

Mr. Reilly note that there was a lot of community feedback. He said that this feedback led to this revised plan. Mr. Pesko reviewed some of the changes such as increasing the size of the shade canopies.

Ms. Kiely asked if the accessible swings are still included in the design. Mr. Pesko stated that there will be two of them.

Mr. Bulens pointed out that in the picture, there is a gazebo. He stated that this is decorative for the rendering and is not included in the design. Mr. Bulens also noted that the foundation and footprint of the playground are part of the library project, but the playground is a park project not owned by the library.

Cate Parsley of 36 Broad Street asked about the sledding hill. Ms. Mahoney stated that the sledding hill will be maintained.

Mr. Tallon asked what the grey material is. Ms. Mahoney stated that it is concrete. He also asked for clarification of the colors. Mr. Pesko stated that the area represented in dark green on the current plan will be tan and black by the swings.

Mr. Tallon noted that benches, shade, and fencing were the top three items discussed. He stated that he did not see the need for fencing as the park does not have direct access to a street.

Ms. Flemer made a MOTION to recommend the design for the playground as presented this evening and was seconded by Mr. Corcoran. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

3. Community Comments and Committee Feedback

Feedback included in agenda items 2 above.

4. Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Report

Ms. Mahoney gave a construction progress and budget update (Tufts Library Construction Progress Report presentation dated November 25, 2019). She noted that this month has been challenging due to weather conditions.

Ms. Mahoney stated that the project is at or below budget and on schedule. The project is scheduled for completion by June 2020.

Mr. Bulens asked what December will look like on the construction site. Ms. Mahoney noted that with the weather getting colder the work will be adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Jennings asked Ms. Mahoney about plowing. She noted that one of the contractors has plowing services and will provide this service.

5. Presentation: New Tufts Library Furniture and Fixtures

Mr. Blessen gave a presentation on furniture and fixtures selections for the new library. (The New Tufts Library: FF&E Summary dated November 25, 2019).

6. Community Comments and Committee Feedback

Ms. Kiely asked about the chairs without wheels and potential scratching on the floor. Mr. Blessen stated that this could cause wear on the wood surfaces. He added that most of the floor surfaces are carpet.

Donna Shea stated that she likes the furniture as presented. She asked about camera security inside the library. Mr. Blessen stated that a security feature both inside and outside of the building is a part of the design.

7. Subcommittee Reports

None

8. Next Meeting

Mr. Bulens stated that he would poll the committee to determine an appropriate next meeting date during or after the holiday season.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Torrey made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved:



Nicholas Bulens, Chair

01/27/2020
Date