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Library Construction Committee

July 26, 2018, 6:30 pm
John F. McCulloch Building
Mary McElroy Meeting Room
182 Green Street
Weymouth, MA 02191

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Members Present: Nicholas Bulens (Chair), Robert MacLean (Vice Chair), Rebecca Barbara, George Berg, Dennis Corcoran, Diana Flemer, Mark Jennings, John Macleod, Matthew Tallon, Cathy Torrey

Members Absent: Jennifer Barrett Siegal, TJ Lacey, Ted Langill

Also Present: Christopher Blessen, Tappé Architects; Joshua Millonig, Warren Larson Landscape Architects; Mary Mahoney, Hill International

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Mr. Bulens called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes: June 25, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. MacLean to approve the minutes of June 25, 2018 and was seconded by Mr. Berg. APPROVED 8-0-2 (Ms. Flemer and Mr. Corcoran abstaining).

2. Design Update and Committee Feedback

Mr. Blessen stated that the construction documents are progressing as they should. The drawings are approximately 30% complete, and the 60% CD submittals will be provided to the committee and the Town's OPM on schedule. At the committee's August meeting, Tappé will present plans for interior finishes and will have sample materials for the committee to view and touch.

Mr. Millonig reported on the design team's investigation of speed table options along Broad Street. He noted that the recommended minimum distance between any two speed tables is 300 feet. On Broad Street, any configuration

involving two speed tables would require that they be placed less the 250 feet apart. This would impact traffic and drainage. Mr. Millonig stated that if one large, extended speed table was installed, the structure would cause safety concerns, as drivers and pedestrians would be sharing a single, common space along the roadway. In addition, there would be a cost impact to the project, because an extended speed table would require bollards to be installed in front of the library for pedestrian safety.

Mr. Berg asked if the need for bollards is a code requirement. Mr. Millonig confirmed that it is.

There was discussion regarding the crosswalks on Broad Street. Consensus was reached that adding a second speed table or extending the existing one should not be pursued as a traffic calming measure, but that the design team should investigate a better configuration of the crosswalks where Broad Street meets Franklin Street and the South Shore Christian Academy's driveway. A better configuration of the crosswalks would improve pedestrian mobility and safety.

Mr. Bulens confirmed with Mr. Blessen and Mr. Millonig that the design should include just one standard-size speed table, serving as a raised crosswalk, and one painted crosswalk between the library and the South Shore Christian Academy.

Mr. Berg asked about the utility poles in front of the library. Mr. McLeod stated that he has been in contact with National Grid, and they are investigating the cost impact of installing underground utilities.

Mary Mahoney updated the committee on the project's schedule.

3. Community Comments and Committee Feedback

Patricia Bogan, Queen Anne's Gate, asked what the committee means by a speed table.

Mr. Bulens explained that while a speed bump involves a thin, narrow rise in the road's pavement, a speed table rises to a flat surface, usually the width of a crosswalk, and then falls back to street level. This rise and fall still requires cars to slow down, but the flat top of the table means that cars do not need to make a near complete stop like a speed bump requires.

Pat O'Leary, 999 Commercial Street, pointed out that a crosswalk on Broad Street to the west from the South Shore Christian Academy to the library would conflict with the new delivery area. She asked if there were plans for a bike lane along Broad Street. Mr. Bulens stated that the design team can investigate this possibility with the Town's Traffic Engineer.

4. Prequalification Committee Update

Mr. Corcoran, Chair of the building project' Prequalification Committee, gave an overview of the purpose and tasks of the body. He noted that John McLeod, Chris Blessen, and Mary Mahoney also serve as members.

Mr. Corcoran asked Ms. Mahoney to provide an update on the committee's actions thus far.

Ms. Mahoney stated that next Wednesday, August 1st at 2pm is the deadline for prequalification submissions. Once submissions are received, references will be checked, and the submissions will be evaluated. She noted that this process will establish the project's pool of eligible bidders and subbidders.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. MacLean reported out for the Library Transition Subcommittee. He stated that the Town will release a second Request for Lease Proposal (RFP) for a temporary library space. The first RFP was revised to cast a wider net. The deadline for proposals is August 23, 2018.

6. Next Meeting

The committee will hold its next meeting on August 23, 2018. Mr. Bulens noted that Tappé's presentation at this meeting will include interior finishes.

Mr. Bulens stated that a public forum to discuss the final design and construction schedule for the new library has been tentatively scheduled for September 6, 2018 at the High School's Humanities Center. The meeting will be recorded.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Flemer made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm and was seconded by Mr. Corcoran. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved:



Nicholas Bulens, Chair

08/23/2018
Date