

JFK Pre-Referendum Committee Meeting

July 27, 2016

6:30 pm

Enfield Room

Called to order

Present: Scott Ellis, Mark Gahr, Scott Kaupin, Mary Keller, Tina LeBlanc, April Mattoon, Joseph Muller, Trish Neild-Barry, Carmen Nuccio, Ray Peabody, Christopher Rutledge, Steve Sargalski

Review of minutes

Motion to accept the minutes. Passed

Guest-

Barry Bernstein-Athletic Coordinator

He did a walkthrough of the fields, not the interior gym yet. Would like to do an interior assessment with the head of the physical education department in order to benefit both recreation and education sides.

Did research on how much it would cost to renovate certain parts of the field.

Artificial turf has come up. Without examination of digging out of field tracks estimate at mid \$50-\$80,000. Better tracks regardless of surface \$2-\$300,000. \$1.2-1.6 million for turf similar to Enfield High.

Renovation of grass fields-bench and dugout areas by B&G should be done first.

(Goes on to diagram field makeup)

Extra bleachers would cost \$2,600 to \$4,000 benches \$1,400-\$4,000.

There should be a fenced in dugout for baseball and softball fields so that people cannot go where the players and coach are.

Field is open to vandalism and cost is expensive when dealing with turf. Grass field should be redone and would like to keep using existing field at Fermi.

Do the number of fields meet the needs at JFK? Yes.

Outside tennis and basketball courts can be renovated for recreation, but do not affect education.

ADA compliance-fields may have to be reconfigured in order to have a path around the perimeter-better option than paths between the fields.

Barry is willing to do a walkthrough of the field with whoever would like to.

Motion to add 3 guests-Amar Shamas Gilbane, Jim Gulliani CSG Construction Solutions Group, Randy Daigle, EHS Building Committee.

They would like to extend some of their services for free.

In order for the referendum to be passed, it really needs to be sold to the residents-education.

Used CMR-Construction Manager at Risk-for the high school instead of design bid build. Contractor is involved at design phase. A contingency is written into the contract so that any change orders do not come out of taxpayer's money. Can also apply to the State for reimbursement.

Ray-differed maintenance and statutory compliance-how is that reimbursed?

DM may not be, infrastructure is there (JFK was designed as a two story building) cheaper than portables for 25 years.

The building (Fermi) has been released from the BOE to the Town, and even if the referendum fails, the building still stays with the Town. It would not be up for discussion to turn it into the middle school as of now

Silver Petrucelli provides on call services-options report/study based on committee's direction.

If the referendum doesn't pass, prioritization of wish list will be considered. The Town may be able to make some improvements based on the work of the board.

Discussion about what is was quoted to renovate Fermi.

Unfinished business-

Silver Petrucelli-will provide project scope and cost estimate as well-pending Council approval of funds.

Town staff-building official cannot be involved-conflict of interest.

FCA Report is online and link will be located

New Business-

Committee clarification, voting members are everyone but the Town Manager, Council and Board liaisons.

Informational plan and implementation strategy-motion to be moved to another agenda pending Town Council approval. Passed

General matters-

Formation of a PAC (Political Action Committee)-add a treasurer Political Action Committee, to educate the public to be discussed after plan is better in place.

Will also start thinking about community conversations and attending meetings to get the word out.

Town Council meets on August 1, things should be able to move along after their approval of Silver Petrucelli.

Committee Comments-

Note on an email change

To get things on the agenda, anyone on the committee is welcome to meet with the “cabinet”, call or email with input.

An email list has been asked for and to add to the agenda.

Scott Kaupin and Bryan Chodkowski arrive- Two resolutions at Council first for \$75,000 for proposal scope, second to waive of bid requirement.

Next meeting date August 10, and August 24. Contingent on Silver Petrucelli. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.