

COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT: Auburn

NAME OF MEETING: Master Planning

DATE/TIME/LOCATION OF MEETING: September 7, 2016 @ 7:00. Auburn Village School Media Center.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Keith Leclair, Sam Belcourt, Rusty Sullivan, Dr. Phil Littlefield

SESSION START TIME: 7:00

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY AND ALL MOTIONS/SECONDS AND ANY ACTION TAKEN:

Keith Leclair called the meeting to order. Tom Goyea inquired about the projected costs of the AVS renovation and addition project. Keith Leclair responded that specific questions regarding projected costs and plan renovations would be discussed at the October 13th Public Input session. The Turner Group will present 5-6 alternative plans along with cost outlines. The cost for this process will be absorbed from left over bond money and pro-bono work.

Keith Leclair stated that Master Planning needs to be organized according to topic specific subgroups, each charged with a specific task. A leader will be identified to each subgroup. Discussion ensued regarding the focus and purpose of each subgroup as well as the addition of a group to focus on having a presence at on events and community outreach.

The selection of the construction manager, BPS, was questioned. Keith Leclair confirmed that it was an interview process and BPS was selected due to their reputation, background knowledge of renovating schools and ability to adhere to a timeline/budget.

Discussion ensued regarding how former costs and plans were disseminated. The AVS website, which housed Master Planning information, was described as challenging. It was suggested to have a direct link to Master Planning on the town website.

Format and presentation of information was also debated. Mr. Diaz suggested that a T-chart that demonstrated facility needs on one side and cost on the other side would be simple but effective.

Francis and Fay Hanscomb pointed out the negative impact of fostering “Them vs Us” mentality regarding the AVS renovation. They pointed out that the elderly members of the community do want what is best for the children of Auburn, but many live on a fixed budget. The former price tag of the school renovation/addition project would have presented significant financial burden.

It was suggested to add another committee to provide visibility at community events such as the Duck Race and Monster Mash. Discussion ensued regarding how to reach people who do not have students in the building and maybe against the renovation.

The next Master Planning Meeting will be at the Public Input session on October 13th @6:30

MOTION/SECOND AND TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:54.