

COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT: Auburn

NAME OF MEETING: Master Planning

DATE/TIME/LOCATION OF MEETING: October 5, 6:00pm/AVS Media Center.

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

SESSION START TIME: 6:05

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

Keith Leclair called the meeting to order at 6:05. The first topic of discussion was how to best manage the Master Planning subcommittees. Keith suggested that the fundraising, door to door and event planning subgroups be housed and managed under one communications committee. All committee members agreed. Heather Lockwood, Sam Belcourt and Maureen Murgo volunteered to organize the communications committee. The first meeting will be held on October 18th at 5:30.

Specific challenges and methods of fundraising were discussed. In addition, it was established that any capital raised towards promoting the AVS renovation and addition project must be processed through a privately funded source. Phil Littlefield confirmed that any fundraising used to promote the AVS renovation project should not be managed by an individual on the Master Planning Committee or School Board.

The group reflected on AVS renovation promotional strategies from last year and brainstormed ways to connect and inform the public before the March 2017 bond vote. Jen Hodgen pointed out that the highly anticipated November election will provide a great opportunity for visibility and distribution of information. Discussion ensued about how to reach certain subgroups of the community. Anita Gildea clarified that the committee should target people who are willing to listen and engage in constructive discussion rather than focus on others who are stagnant in their viewpoint. Keith mentioned the importance of keeping our message consistent and clear.

The new budget numbers from BPS were presented and discussed. According to BPS, applying last year's renovation proposal to current rates would yield an approximate 4.5% or 1-million-dollar increase. Keith cautioned that these numbers are raw and still need to be collectively reviewed through an itemized list. Next week, Keith will be requesting interest rates from the bond bank. Another meeting will be set up with BPS before the October 13th public input session to review and update numbers. In addition, BPS will provide a series of plans based on different cost saving scenarios such as removing the gymnasium or classrooms. Ultimately, the AVS School Board will determine which of the three plans will move forward for public voting.

Sam Belcourt asked about the façade of the building as this seems to be an area of concern to several members of the community. It was acknowledged that, while the old plan included more contemporary look, the new sketches seem to feature more of a country style.

Jen Anderson questioned the purpose of the October 16th Public Input session. It was confirmed that the purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with background information regarding the renovation plans and if possible, and estimation of cost and tax impact. Discussion ensued regarding what information to share, how explain cost, and under what kind of timeframe. There was also talk of the possibility of building aid from the town and state level to defray cost.

Sam Belcourt confirmed that there would be no action taken tonight. The next Master Planning meeting is set for Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00.

MOTION/SECOND AND TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: Maureen Murgo made a motion for Meeting adjourned at 6:43. Keith Leclair second the motion.