

Library Building Committee Meeting, May 6, 2021

Committee: Library Building Committee

Place: Virtually

Date: May 6, 2021

Posted Meeting Time: 4:15pm

CALL TO ORDER: Co-Chair Farrell called the meeting to order at 4:15pm

Chairperson's statement: This meeting is being recorded by the P3, Inc for the Library Building Committee. If any other persons present are recording this meeting, they must notify the co-chair at this time.

PRESENT:

- Voting Members: Ed Berlin, Karin Benson, Ellen Boyer, Carole Collins, Doris Cowdrey, Ann Dillon, Tim Farrell, Amy Moscaritolo, Fern Smith, Jean Wall, Mayor Wedegartner
- Non-voting Members: Tim Dolan, Fernando Fleury, Lisa Prolman, Charles Roberts, George Vandelinder, Marlo Warner

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Palotta (OPM), P3; Phil O'Brien, JRA;, Jaydon Grazick (recording on FB), Laura Phelps, Gene Howard, David Pond

Thanks to Ed Berlin from Tim Farrell for chairing the committee up until now, and for all the work he has put in over the past year and more.

MOTION: On a motion by Amy Moscaritolo seconded by Doris Cowdrey, it was **VOTED:** To approve the minutes from the previous meeting with one abstention

OLD BUSINESS:

- Updates on the bid and explanation of the Massachusetts bid process
 - Two step process in MA called filed sub-bidding
 - 16 designated trades can bid 2.5 weeks ahead of general bids, subcontractors put in bids
 - We are expecting sub-bids on May 20 at 2pm; they will come electronically

- P3 will go through all the bids and certify they are on the responsible bidders list, then will issue an addenda to the general contractors so they know who they can choose from this list
 - 2 weeks later P3 will go through general bids
- Bidding is complicated by how costs have been fluctuating.
 - Building is primarily steel and concrete so we should squeak by
 - Steel and concrete have gone up but not as much as lumber
- We are where we want to be
 - 11 general contractors have been qualified
 - We are expecting about 7 bids altogether as several qualified contractors may not bid
- Looking at starting construction on or about August 15 to accommodate temporary Fire Station
 - The people who need to be satisfied are aware of our situation with the FD
 - As soon as bids come in, they will be forwarded to the MBLC
 - Dan is meeting with MBLC representative on the temporary Fire Station grounds in the near future

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of putting up a sign marking the new library to assist the Foundation in its fundraising efforts
- Le Petit Cafe issues are still in play;
 - May need to go directly to the MA Commission to the Blind to see what their interest is in moving the building or demolishing it
 - Suggestion to send them a letter in hopes they will contact us about the building; have Dan contact City attorney and call the Commission first
 - The property is city property, but the Commission owns the building
- Question about Planning Board process and what they will look at
 - As long as everything is within ordinance, the Board is required to issue the appropriate permits.
 - Building was designed to meet all ordinance requirements
 - Charles is going to ask if he should recuse himself due to involvement with Library Building Committee
 - Planning Board Meeting on May 20 is at 6pm

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 26 at 4pm

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by Amy Moscaritolo and seconded by Ann Dillon, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 4:43pm