

Meeting Summary

City-BCPS Coordinating Committee Meeting on School Construction

October 21, 2015

Attendees: Tom Stosur (Planning), Laurie Feinberg (Planning) Reni Lawal (Planning), Aaron Bond (Planning), Leon Pinkett (Mayor's Office), Dawn Kirstaetter (Mayor's Office) Ernest Burkeem (Rec and Parks), Kate Brower (Rec and Parks), Eric Johnson (Maryland Stadium Authority), Alison Perkins-Cohen, Lynette Washington, Jessica Clark, Larry Flynn, Will Doane and Mignon Anthony (BCPS), Peggy Webster (Housing), Joseph Carella (MOIT) Bill Levy (State) David Framm, (DOT) Rosanna LaPlante, (DPW) and Eric Tiso (Planning)

1. Review and Approve Minutes of approval July 15, 2015 – Approved with one correction
2. Status Reports
 - A. Feasibility and Design Status – BCPS/MSA
 - **Phase 1 Schools Feasibility Studies: Status/Next Steps to Complete**
 - Ft. Worthington & Frederick – construction bids due end of October
 - Lyndhurst & John Eager Howard – design wrapping up for after school lets out construction
 - Robert Poole building - Design wrapping up for Spring Construction
 - Arundel - design
 - Cherry Hill (BCPS) Forest Park (BCPS), Arlington & Pimlico (BCPS) – design underway
 - Patterson – Should be starting design
 - **Year 2 Schools: Launch of Feasibility Studies/Schedule**
 - Schools divided into four groups
 - Group 1 -Feasibility studies underway for the first group of four schools and first community meeting (Medfield, John Ruhrah, Cross-Country and Calvin Rodwell)
 - Group 2- (Calverton, Bay Brook, Govans and Walter P. Carter)
 - Group 3- Mary Rodman, Harford Heights, Montebello and Canton
 - Group 4- James Mosher, Robert Coleman and Northwood
 - Year 1 ½- REACH in Fairmount Harford Feasibility underway
 - B. **Status of Fiber connection plan MOIT/BCPS**

Joe Carella (MOIT) presented - Baltimore City Public Schools has selected two schools, Edmondson Western High and Curtis Bay Elementary / Middle for connection to a City fiber pilot (in addition to Comcast, Verizon, as today). MOIT planning for costs of fiber installation is underway, though funding sources have not been identified. Target installation date is December 2015, subject to quotations, identification of funding sources, and timely approvals in November. Specific metrics for successful pilot have not yet been defined, but include at a minimum daily operations for all classroom and administrative activities; BCPSS currently expects all service outages to be resolved within four hours of the call. MOIT's Carella has been working with BCPSS' Dr. Thompson and James Smith.

Regarding possible new fiber construction to schools, federal government's E-rate funding submission deadline is March 2016, and application must be submitted by BCPS not MOIT or city. This funding could cover as much as 75% of new fiber installation costs, but competitive bids must be solicited. Financial benefits are significant, as one-time construction costs could be expensed in the year of construction, and

Schools E-rate contribution may be amortized over four years. March 2016 deadline is non-negotiable. Failing to meet that target misses one year's worth of funding. Director Stosur asked BCPS to provide a cost-benefit summary for pursuing this E-Rate funding model vs. maintaining the current practice of paying internet providers monthly fees.

C. Status of Cooperative Use Space

Mignon titled this Operational MOU and it is very close to completion, schools are waiting for some details on utility costs. Agreement should be done by end of 2015.

3. New Issues

- a. **Developer's agreements other city reviews-** MSA is working directly with DPW as a result of on-going discussions. MSA will develop the steps and timelines as a standard process document and circulate to this group. Once this is complete we will compare to standard city review process so everyone can understand differences, with a special emphasis being placed on timing. In addition, MSA will be hiring permit expeditors for BCPS Schools.
- b. Design Coordination Cherry Hill – There are two projects on one lot, Cherry Hill School and new Cherry Hill Rec Center. They have same civil engineer and overlapping architect teams but not fully coordinated as to responsibilities. MSA and Parks will follow-up on coordinating and include Anthony Cataldo Planning.

4. Various Updates

- a. **INSPIRE**
 - i. Continuing to flush out recommendations on first four plans with goal to complete in fall
 - ii. Working with BCPS on establishment of core teams as we move forward.
- b. Surplus School building disposition
 - i. BCPS stated letter for 60 days notice should arrive Nov. 5, 2015
 - ii. Planning is coordinating internally in the City review of buildings and we are meeting October 26th to discuss outstanding issues with charters etc.

Next Scheduled Coordinating Committee Meeting

January 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.