

Meeting Summary

City-BCPS Coordinating Committee Meeting on School Construction

January 20, 2016

Attendees: Tom Stosur (Planning), Sara Paraniyam (Planning), Jennifer Leonard (Planning), Mary Colleen Beuttner (Planning), Reni Lawal (Planning), Leon Pinkett (Mayor's Office), Migon Anthony (BCPS), Jessica Clark (BCPS), Elvis Teah (BCPS), Michael Rading (BCPS), Tracy Estep (BCPS), Bob Wall (BCPS), Kate Brower (Rec and Park), Eric Johnson (MSA), Frank Patinella (ACLU), Joseph Carella (MOIT), James Smith (BCPS), Lynette Washington (BCPS), Cyndi Smith (BCPS), Larry Flynn (BCPS), Rosanna LaPlante (DPW), Peggy Webster (HCD)

1. **Review and Approve Minutes of October 21, 2015**

Motion to approve by Eric Johnson; seconded by Mignon Anthony

2. **Status Reports**

a. Feasibility & Design Status—BCPS/MSA

- Year 1 Schools
 - Frederick and Fort Worthington: Board of Public Works approved in December; under construction
 - John Eager Howard and Lyndhurst: Construction Doc (CD) phase; on schedule to begin construction this summer
 - Robert Poole Building: Postposed to start over the summer. Summer 2018 opening
 - Arundel: Entering CD phase
 - Patterson: Conducting feasibility study; to School Board for approval 1/26
 - Cherry Hill and Forest Park: Approaching 50% of design/development; opening August 2018
 - Arlington and Pimlico: Beginning design/development (20%); opening August 2018
 - MSA is conducting off-site forest conservation plantings at Radecke Park for Frederick project; need to get a Right of Entry from Tim Almaguer (Rec and Parks)
- Maryland Historical Trust reviews: Any schools needing review have been submitted; comments expected soon Interest in Lyndhurst, MSA will share comments when they are received.
- Year 2 Schools, Group 1
 - John Rurah and Calvin Rodwell: feasibility is 95% complete
 - Medfield: feasibility is 50%
 - Cross Country: ON HOLD for zoning issue
- Year 2, Group 2
 - Govans, Walter P. Carter, Calverton, Bay Brook: Architects are under contract for feasibility
- Year 2, Group 3
 - Harford Heights, Montebello, Mary Rodman: RFP for architect is out

- Canton: Pulled and substituted with additions to Commodore Rogers and Highlandtown #237.
- Year 2, Group 4: RFP will be issued once Group 3 is off the ground.

Cross Country and Zoning: There was a brief discussion about when in the process a thorough zoning review occurs/whose responsibility it is, in order to avoid future situations similar to Cross Country. In the future, BCPS is requesting architects to pay particular attention to zoning, traffic, and other areas that may bring up issues. Currently this is not in their Scope of Work for the feasibility study, but is requested of the architects doing the design. Consider putting it in the feasibility Scope of Work. 20/20 hindsight – it’s helpful to know of zoning or other restrictions/requirements when selecting schools. BCPS is having many discussions with stakeholders in the Cross Country area to decide the direction to go. They are looking at how long it will take to get a zoning variance, if that is the desired direction. They will also be requesting a traffic analysis. BCPS will keep Planning apprised.

Canton: Southeast Community Development Association has concerns about overcrowding and would like research conducted. BCPS agreed that feasibility studies of Canton and Lombard still need to be done to determine the impact of enrollment in southeast. Possibly engage with Housing and Community Development to understand the impact of the Perkins Homes redevelopment. Confirmed by BCPS that Canton will be taken off the 21st Century Schools map, and Commodore Rogers and Highlandtown #237 will be added.

b. Status of Fiber Connection Plan for 21st Century Schools—MOIT/BC^{PS}

Mignon Anthony (BCPS), Joe Carella (MOIT), and Michael Rading (BCPS) presented. December 2015 target date for pilot City fiber project at Edmondson HS and Curtis Bay ES/MS was not met. BCPS will not be able to submit an application to meet the March 1 deadline to apply for federal government e-rate pricing. There are many complex parts at play and too much work that would need to be done by the deadline for this year. E-rates are available for a few more years, and MOIT has brought in someone to help them understand all of the rules. They are clarifying roles and responsibilities (MOIT/BCPS). MOIT’s goal is to have the e-rate plan in place by July 2016, for next year’s application. BCPS invited the Mayor’s Office to join them for the next planning meeting.

c. Status of Cooperative Use Spaces for Phase 1 Schools—BCPS

MOU has been shown to Comptroller and City Council President, and will next go to the Mayor and then Board of Estimates in the next 2 weeks. Areas of discussion have focused on staffing the spaces after hours and on utility cost sharing. BCPS agreed to share the MOU with Planning.

3. Various Updates

a. INSPIRE Update

- Planning hired two new staff: Jennifer Leonard (INSPIRE Program Manager) and Mary Colleen Buettner (INSPIRE Planner)
- Developed a list matching planners to schools – will share
- Have met with agencies to share recommendations for first four schools
- Completing recommendation reports and timeline for delivering plans to Planning Commission
- Planning is working with the [National Resource Network](#) (NRN) to look at three school/anchor institution areas (Park Heights/Sinai, Frederick/Bon Secours, Cherry Hill/Harbor Hospital) as well as analyzing options for surplus schools. NRN is looking at how you would make recommendations for school site reuse generally, but also detailed case studies for Westside, Garrison, and Briscoe

- ABAG has posted a position for someone to work with INSPIRE in the same three areas
- INSPIRE will start at Patterson when the EAP is approved.

b. Surplus School buildings and disposition process

- BCPS has developed the required documentation to send to the State for Dr. Raynor Brown, Pinderhughes, Langston-Hughes and Independence; State will provide letter to BCPS approving and confirming their surplus status.
- Paul Turner will reach out to the City's Space Utilization Committee, which will determine what City agency will be responsible for each facility; keys will be turned over at that point
- There is a 60-90-day window for appeals that must be addressed.

c. City update on Cherry Hill Rec Center Project Status

- Rec and Parks was approved for state funding
- Currently in stormwater review
- Construction starting fall 2016 – 18-24 month construction duration
- DPW mentioned that the water meter at the old school will need to be moved for construction

d. Additional Demolition funds

- Housing is managing the process for the CORE funding, recently announced by Governor
- Peggy Webster noted that there is an existing pipeline of priority locations that will be the first projects funded but that there will be a new/similar process involving community consultation, historic preservation, etc.
- INSPIRE is one of the ways in which demo priorities will be screened
- BCPS can be involved in the conversations, when they occur
- Tom mentioned that Planning is hiring a consultant to develop a Green Network Plan, to look beyond the existing pipeline and address neighborhoods with the least amount of green and most environmental challenges; work is expected to begin in February

4. Other Issues/Announcements

BCPS is working with community members around Fort Worthington to address concerns, including parking for construction workers, speed of construction trucks, and routes the trucks take. They are helping the construction managers develop regular meetings with the community.

BCPS is planning for a program groundbreaking.

5. Wrap-up & Adjourn

Next Scheduled Coordinating Committee Meeting

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