

July 20, 2009
Paul Rodrigues Administration Bldg.
455 County Street
Room 224
New Bedford, MA

MINUTES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

PRESENT: JACK NOBREGA, JILL USSACH AND TOM CLARK (arrived at 6:39 pm)

ABSENT: NONE

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm.

McCoy Field Update:

The Sub Committee was presented with a drawing of what the overall project will look like. The contractor for the field, David White and Sons of Bowe, NH, is currently four weeks behind schedule from their original November 1 completion date. Discussion ensued regarding the events to be held at the new field, parking and the field house.

The subcommittee was updated that the Warren H. Doane Field House project had been put out to bid since the last meeting in March. The project came in at 4.96 million dollars and the apparent low bidder was J.J. Cardosi from East Providence. The project is on hold pending clarification of finding. The City Council has requested through the Mayor, correspondence from MSBA to verify 90% reimbursement for the planned field house.

Lincoln School Update:

The Lincoln Elementary School project was put out to bid. The City awarded the contract in late May to CTA of Boston. The project has been proceeding. In mid June a bid protest was put in by Fontaine Brothers of Springfield. They were the second lowest bidder on the Lincoln Elementary School project. A hearing was held on June 23, 2009 in the Attorney General's Office in New Bedford. The Committee was updated of the July 13 decision from the AG's office to ensure compliance with City ordinance "Responsible Employer Ordinance". The deadline to respond to the A.G. is July 23, 2009 and the City is preparing a response. The Sub Committee was informed that the next Lincoln Building Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2009.

Other Business:

The Committee was updated on the request from Mayor Lang to the City Council to re-appropriate monies from the Brooks Elementary School and a part of the Keith Middle School bond to build a new Hannigan and put an addition on the Sea Lab building to become the new Taylor Elementary School. The City Council was informed of the wishes of the residents of the south end and the School Committee votes on these two

projects. Both projects are on hold as a result of the City Council tabling the matter. They informed Dr. Fletcher and I (Dr. Fletcher was in attendance at the meeting) that we should revisit the issue in School Committee regarding building only one 600 pupil elementary school in the south end. We also updated the Mayor as to their request.

There being no further business, the Committee voted to adjourn at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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