

MINUTES

Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC)

Regular Meeting
2019-20 School Year

December 10, 2019

The meeting convened at 7:03 pm in Room 5050 of the Gatehouse Administration Center.
The following FPAC members attended:

Name	District	Attended Meeting
Charles Hookey	Braddock/Vice Chair	Yes
Jayant Reddy	Dranesville	Yes
Vacant	Hunter Mill	No
Troy Thompson	Lee	Yes
Dan Aminoff	Mason/Chair	Yes
Catherine Hosek	Mt. Vernon	Yes
Kate Howarth	Providence	Yes
Shaun Ferrari	Springfield	No
Shawn Xu	Sully	Yes
Dan Hogan	At Large	Yes
Dave Phillips	At Large	Yes
Angela Smalls	At Large	Yes
Katie Hermann	City of Fairfax/Secretary	Yes

FCPS Staff Present at Meeting:

- Brady Rauch, Facilities Services - Design & Construction Services

Meeting Opening

Aminoff opened the meeting with introductions of Brady Rauch. Jessica is representing FCPS at the concurrent Fairfax County Planning Commission meeting will likely be discussing some future site conditions and planning topics.

Staff Announcements

- Brady Rauch, Facilities Services - Design & Construction Services
 - CIP – The CIP will be released to the School Board on December 19, 2019. Brady assists Jessica and her team to develop the design and construction components of the CIP, specifically the 10- year forecast chart, and the related ‘cash flow’. The new CIP will have enhanced information about modular units, feeder and centers data, an expanded school list appendix, historical data, and other minor changes.
 - The long-term queue for projects is starting to decrease, so there are discussions within FCPS to determine the next triggers and criteria for the next queue and this is in development. School boundaries may or may not change the weighting of the priority of projects within the queue or a future queue. Security needs do not appear to be part of the current queue requirements.
 - CIP timeline – a public hearing will be held on January 7, 2020 at Luther Jackson.
 - Design & Construction Services will be tracking school boundaries very closely because it could greatly impact the future forecasting of renovations and new construction. Also,

- the renovations are increasingly more expensive, mainly because of newer sustainability requirements. These costs of renovations and construction are dictated by the Fairfax County bond allowance/limits. Some representatives from FPAC may contact Brady about a “User Expense” and/or “Facility Impact” for the renovation/constructions.
- Ed Spec – there is a minimum state requirement, but FCPS has one for all county schools. The designs are based on a school’s use and the designs evolve as needs across the county change. They are updated at least once every 10 years, but usually happens more frequently.

Community Time

- Jennifer Melendres – She is a parent of a Freedom Hill ES student and wanted to explain her position in regards to security concerns at this particular school. She said there are many access points, and there is no vestibule. In addition to the general education population, there is also a head-start program and a disabled students center that require special access. There is an extend-stay hotel located right behind the school, which has a clear view of several access points and is worrisome to some parents.
 - Dan A discussed that about half of the schools in FCPS do not have vestibules.
 - Brady mentioned these vestibules are added during large renovation projects and are not done as a separate, stand-alone project.
 - Jessica also mentioned that many parents feel like there is a lack of transparency and communication from the FCPS security department.
 - Dan A encouraged this community member to coordinate with the out-going School Board member and the future in-coming School Board member on this topic.

Minutes

Minutes from the November 12, 2019 FPAC meeting were approved, with one minor change to adjust OHSA to OSHA.

Old Business

New Business

- Security – The FPAC sub-committee for safety and security will consider a recommendation to assess the use of future bond monies for future security enhancements, with a potential discussion on a revising policy on assessing security for school-specific items, i.e. particular needs for urban schools.
- Swearing in of new School Board members occurs on December 12, 2019, 7pm at the Luther Jackson location.

2019-20 FPAC Annual Charge from School Board, Volunteer Assignments are as follows:

All FPAC members are reminded that draft content for the mid-year report is due in early December. The report is due to the School Board in early 2020.

1. Develop the long-range vision for FCPS school facilities, to be included in the capital planning process; Charlie will send out some thoughts on this from last year’s plan. **LEAD: PHILLIPS, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: THOMPSON, XU, HOOKEY**

Today's Update: David is creating a list of items for consideration.

2. Incorporate major maintenance and asset management requirements into the CIP;
LEADS: HOGAN & THOMPSON, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: HOGAN & THOMPSON –
Today's Update: Dan and Troy sent questions that were passed along to Jessica.
3. Incorporate facility safety and security requirements into the capital planning process;
LEAD: HERMANN, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: HOGAN & REDDY
Today's Update: Katie will send thoughts to sub-committee members.
4. Advise and assist with the development and implementation of updated boundary policies and processes; **LEAD: AMINOFF, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: HOSEK, SMALLS, HERMANN**
Today's Update: Dan may schedule a meeting for next Tuesday to loop back on action items.
5. Plan for the impact of future boundary changes, including following construction of a new Western high school; this item may be impacted by #4 of the 2019-20 FPAC Annual Charge.
LEAD: REDDY, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: HOSEK, SMALLS, XU
Today's Update: Dan may schedule a meeting for next Tuesday to loop back on action items.
6. Transportation; **LEAD: HOWARTH, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: FERRARI & AMINOFF**
Today's Update: Kate will work with Shaun to discuss potential items.

Member Time

McLean/Langley High School Boundary Scoping Meeting – last week there were public meetings regarding this topic attended by several FPAC members. One suggested ‘fix’ to MacLean’s overcrowding involves ‘attendance islands’ that could move from McLean to Langley which would remedy these geographic anomalies and help even out student population. Our FPAC members heard some (other) good ideas and concerns, including that current students should be able to choose to stay in their current school. Additionally, FCPS may have to (re)consider the ‘sibling rule’ as it relates to the ‘grandfathering’ exception.

Alice Fleet West – some FPAC members and FCPS staff visited a new elementary school in Arlington in November. This school has two levels of underground parking (costing an estimated \$10M) which was needed to replace the surface parking lost on this site. It is a net-zero energy school (on an annual basis) with solar and geothermal systems. The cost of this school was about twice the amount of a typical FCPS facility in cost per square foot. Some interesting design aspects include floors designed thematically as biospheres and hallway closets so that mechanical maintenance (on air handling) can be done without interrupting classes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.