

AUHS Facilities Community Task Force (FCT)

Meeting Minutes:

October 12, 2010

District Office Board Room

Community members in attendance: 43

Minutes recorded by Steve Bailey of Donovan Group LLC

I. Superintendent Craig Jefson welcomed community members and gave a presentation about current district statistics and enrollment trends.

II. Facilities Vision Statement/Board's Role:

- a. Board of Education President Joe LeBlanc presented the district's Facilities Vision Statement, included in the packet of information provided.

III. Overview of District Needs:

- a. President LeBlanc and Board Member Al Zietlow spoke about the issues that need to be addressed with the current Arrowhead facilities. Enrollment is currently on an upward trend, which will increase the need for updated buildings. Other considerations are safety concerns, code issues, traffic, and the community's use of the facilities. By 2018, the district is projected to have 2,700 students, placing greater demand on the current facilities.
- b. The board considered several different options for facilities updates, including building another high school at a different location, developing district-owned land, and remodeling the current structures. The board members made it clear that they would be "divorced" from the work of the task force and will not be participating in upcoming meetings.

IV. Committee Expectations:

- a. Joe Donovan, facilitator (of Donovan Group LLC), presented the official charge and the expectations of the Facilities Community Task Force.
- b. Bob Vajgrt and Kit Dailey of the architectural firm Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA) gave a brief introduction and spoke about the district's approach to the project. The project is community-driven and will be based completely on input from the FCT.

V. Preliminary Topic Outline/Progress Plan:

- a. Mr. Donovan presented a rough outline of the topics that will be covered over the next six months at FTC meetings.
- b. Questions asked from the task force:
 - i. How does this plan relate to a possible referendum?

- If the FTC decides to move forward and the Board of Education approves a referendum, a possible vote could take place in February or April 2012, to coincide with other local elections. This all depends on the decision of the task force. (Answered by Mr. Jefson)
- ii. Is this study specific to adding a third building on the current campus, or is it a review of all other options, as well?
 - After reviewing the other options, the Board of Education found that the most practical would be to add a third building to the Arrowhead campus. However, this is only an option, and the district wants the input of the task force. The board has simply studied the different options, but does not want to force any decisions (Mr. Jefson).
- iii. In such a large group, how will everyone's voice be heard?
 - EUA has worked with even larger groups in the past, and have been able to hear everyone's input by having specific agenda items with very focused discussion topics. There will be opportunities to break into smaller groups and make recommendations, as well. The general rule is that the more people at the table, the more diverse and beneficial the input will be (Mr. Vajgrt).

VI. Housekeeping/Future Meeting Dates:

- a. The task force decided that all regular future meetings would be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. From now on, the group will meet in the South Campus Library due to its larger capacity. The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, Nov. 9**. There will also be a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m.
- b. There will be a special meeting on **Saturday, Oct. 23 at 9:00 a.m.** for a tour of the current facilities. Task force members should meet at the North Campus Main Entrance, and expect the tour to take about 3 hours. For those who cannot make it on this date, there will be an additional tour on Nov. 6 at 9:00 a.m.
- c. Call for Co-Chairs: If you are interested in becoming a co-chair, please contact the superintendent's office by calling 262-369-3611 or email jefson@ahs.k12.wi.us

VII. Questions/Comments;

- a. It would be helpful to set up a WikiSpaces or a similar online platform for the group to discuss items between meetings.
- b. Members also expressed a desire to receive an email with enrollment projections for upcoming years, as well as any other relevant data (including when it was collected).

- i. Note: An enrollment study from UW-Madison's Advanced Population Lab based on the third Friday in September attendance numbers is projected be available in mid-November
- ii. The district will also provide past projections for facilities to the task force, if the numbers are available.

Next Meetings:

Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 9 a.m. (Facilities Tour) – North Campus Main Entrance

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7 p.m. – South Campus Library