

HARVARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Following are the minutes for a special meeting of the Harvard Historical Commission at the Bromfield School Library on June 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Submitted by George Triantaris, Secretary.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam Marston (Chair)
David Vannicola (Vice-Chair)
George Triantaris (Secretary)
Steve Nigzus

MEMBERS IN ABSENTIA:

Emanuel Lindo
Daria Swanton
Aron Clarke

MEMBERS OF School Building Committee: Linda Dwight, Ron Ostberg, Carl Sciple and Mary Traphagen

AUDIENCE: Corey Dufresne, Pat Jennings

TOPICS:

CALL TO ORDER:

7:03

Pam announced that meeting would be recorded

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of June 20, 2018 meeting approved unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

1. School Building Committee Presentation to discuss the exterior materials, window shapes and sizes as well as other aspects of the design.

Linda Dwight opened the conversation by stating that she was happy for the opportunity to collaborate with the HHC and that after the discussion about aspects of the design that have been altered/considered since the last meeting she would present a proposed agreement formalizing how the SBC and HHC could work together.

Ron talked about some of the refinements that are being considered based on input from the last meeting as well as the SBC meeting that followed. Among these are adding an arch pediment above the window frames in the same material as the sills and removal of the brick detail under the windows. Further thoughts about possible brick details to add interest are being balanced with desire to keep the overall look simple and in keeping with historic structures especially the library. Ron showed a preliminary rendering of the building with more brick and less stone. There is the possibility that a canopy will be added over the entrance where the buses will pick up students. The porches were discussed with the overall feeling that the porch by the cafeteria added value and the other porch did not (not deep enough to be useful, not located in an area where it would be used, and a detraction to the façade). There was also conversation about the glass "stair tower" which will likely be eliminated or scaled back. Future renderings and samples of materials (and a possible mock up) will clarify all these details so that decisions can be made. The weathervane and possible porch screens were discussed and Ron felt these could be designed later by an artist – to be installed at the end of the project.

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Linda presented a proposed agreement (attached) dated July 27, 2018 as follows:

Our goal is to develop an understanding with you on how we are going to proceed. This is our proposal.

The School Building Committee requests the agreement from the Historical Commission to proceed with further development of the following areas of design with updates submitted every two weeks through the liaison and the Chair of the Commission.

1. Colors and materials and their locations on the façade
2. Detailing of porches and bays
3. Detailing of windows and wall surfaces
4. Detailing of metal trim pieces

In order to proceed during this period when you are unable to meet and at the same time we are required to produce for MSBA submission the design development documents, we ask for your agreement on the following items;

1. Current site plan (location of building and paved surfaces)
2. Basic building massing (2 story, L shape, approx. 84,000 sq. ft.)
3. Basic exterior materials (brick, stone(s), metal roof)
4. Roof and façade shapes
5. Basic window sizes and locations
6. Porches and bays

HHC commissioners agreed with the document but requested that the color of the roof be added as item #5 to the first section.

There was a motion to endorse the second portion of the document with regard to the aspects of the design that can be considered approved. This was unanimously passed.

There was a motion to endorse the first portion of the document with regard to the aspects of the design that HHC and SBC would work on together, with the addition of the roof color. This was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

There was endorsement of the design review process from the members of the audience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: July 18, 2018 Town Hall 7:00 pm, additional meetings to be explored if feasible

MEETING ADJOURNED:

8:07