

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes October 23, 2017

Attending:

Allison Silberberg, Mayor
Justin Wilson, Vice Mayor
Ramee Gentry, Chair, Alexandria City School Board
Cindy Anderson, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Mark B. Jinks, City Manager
Dr. Lois Berlin, Interim Superintendent

William Chesley, RPCA
Rachael Dischner, ACPS
Ron Frazier, DCHS
Kate Garvey, DCHS

Elijah Gross, ACPS
Erika Gulick, ACPS
Michael Herbstman, ACPS
Elizabeth Hoover, ACPS
Kurt Huffman, ACPS
Margaret Orlando, RPCA
Jane Richardson, ACPS
Morgan Routt, OMB
Michelle Smith-Howard, ACPS

Lynn Hampton, Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force
Ellen Folts, Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation

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I.	Approval of September 25, 2017 Meeting Summary	Approved as submitted.	
II.	Standing Reports		
a.	<p>Capital Projects and Operations</p> <p>i. Long Range Educational Facilities Phase II/Enrollment Projections</p> <p>ii. Update on 1701/1705 Beauregard</p> <p>iii. Citywide ACPS TMP Process</p> <p>Patrick Henry Update</p>	<p>Erika Gulick, ACPS, reported that there were major new updates with the consultant working on the edits from the committee members on the Long Range Educational Facilities Phase II report recommendations. It is anticipated that the report on the enrollment projections will go to the School Board on November 9.</p> <p>Dr. Lois Berlin reported that efforts to name the 1701/1705 edifice are underway. School Board members are receiving names and that the City Manager has appointed someone to the Naming Committee. A principal has been named.</p> <p>Ms. Gulick said that staff is working with TE&S and the T&P coordinator on an annual work plan. They have the names of potential TMP coordinators at the schools. It was not budgeted for this year but that they are working with the financial team to include it in next year's budget.</p> <p>Dr. Berlin expressed appreciation for the work of the City's Planning and Zoning on the grade permits, which allows for the pouring of the foundation.</p>	<p>Jeremy McPike Erika Gulick Richard Jackson</p>

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b.	Youth & Education Services i. After School Follow-Up	<p>Margaret Orlando, Recreation, noted that the Committee presented the draft report to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission at their meeting on October 11. A meeting to reconvene all OST providers is scheduled for November 9. After which, the committee will work to finalize the report and present it to a joint meeting of City Council and the School Board. The Committee is planning a summit and cross training session in January or February.</p>	Kate Garvey Dr. Terri Mozingo
	ii. Early Childhood Follow-Up	<p>Kate Garvey, DCHS, introduced Chelsea Eickert, Children and Youth Master Plan Coordinator who is exploring ways to move the plan’s implementation forward in a collaborative manner, making sure that it is data driven. Dr. Terri Mozingo, ACPS, introduced Rachael Dischner, principal of the new pre-Kindergarten center.</p> <p>Ellen Folts, Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation, was recognized for her work in leading the Early Care and Education Committee’s work on fiscal mapping report. The Committee has already seen progress in scholarships for four year olds. The committee is looking at population data and poverty estimates, and funding information for the last fiscal year. Fourteen partners are participating in this effort. It was noted that private preschool providers were not included in the framework. Ms. Garvey noted that the Committee will continue to look at outreach to ensure that they are serving as many eligible students as possible, continuing to look at the glass door concept.</p>	James Spengler
c.	Budget i. FY 2019 Budget Guidance/Revenue/ Expenditure Projections ii.	<p>School Board Chair Ramee Gentry acknowledged receipt of the memorandum providing a historical context and past options for previous budget guidelines. Morgan Routt noted that City Council will develop budget guidance. Vice Mayor Justin Wilson said that as the memorandum stated the Council has always struggled with the best guidance options, but have followed what seems right based upon the circumstances of that year. Ms. Gentry noted that some of pressures on the Schools include, inflation, the cost for remaining competitive, and increased enrollment. City Manager Mark Jinks cited the low growth rate as of the main budget driver, as the budget process will seek to identify priorities. Mayor Silberberg underscored Mr. Jinks’ comments regarding the identification of priorities.</p>	Morgan Routt Michael Herbstman
d.	Shared Services Update – Next Area of Focus	<p>It was noted that the Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force is exploring Shared Services to some degree. Vice Mayor Wilson said that the challenge going forward is to move the Shared Services to more robust discussions. He asked if there was some “low hanging fruit” that the City and School staff could identify. Manager Jinks noted that the Joint Force report will be issued this winter.</p>	Debra Collins Jeremy McPike Al Coleman

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III.	Other Discussion Items		
a.	Update on the Work of the Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Joint Investment Task Force	Lynn Hampton, Task Force Chair, reported on the activities since July. The group has been working with some consultants and meeting with all stakeholders. The group named chair for their three committees: Capital Planning, Alternative Delivery Methods and the Facility Maintenance and Operations Subcommittees. The group is developing a process that will be the same for both City and School projects based on developed criteria. The criteria includes such categories as need and urgency, project readiness, and land acquisition status. The first two deliverables, a long-range FCIP and associated criteria, will be presented to the City Council on November 4 and to the School Board on November 9. Ms. Gentry and Ms. Anderson expressed their thanks to Ms. Hampton for the Task Force’s hard work.	Karl Moritz
b.	Plan for a Joint City Council School Board Budget Meeting	Mr. Jinks concurred with Ms. Gentry that having a Joint Work Session on the Task Force recommendations in either December or January would be a good idea. Mr. Jinks and Dr. Berlin will work together to try to find a date for the meeting.	Mark B. Jinks Dr. Lois Berlin
c.	Legislative Agenda Item – Composite Index for Alexandria vs. Poverty in ACPS	Ms. Gentry noted that current State funding for the Schools relies on Real Estate Assessment. She hopes the state will include an at-risk add-on that takes poverty into consideration. Alexandria has a higher poverty rate than other jurisdictions. This item is included in both the City and Schools’ legislative agenda packages.	
d.	Stop Arm Camera on School Buses and Revenue Potential	Dr. Berlin noted that she had a conversation with Mr. Jinks regarding the agenda item.	

Next meeting: November 27, 2017, 5:00 p.m., at City Hall, City Council Workroom, 301 King Street.