

Sudbury School Committee
Special Session
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2019
Sudbury Town Hall

Members Present:

Lisa Kouchakdjian, Chair
Silvia Nerssessian, Vice Chair
Maggie Helon
Meredith Gerson

Members Absent:

Christine Hogan

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent

Special Session Meeting

Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian opened the Special Session Joint Meeting at 6:30 PM.

1. Joint Meeting with Council on Aging and Parks and Recreation Regarding Fairbank Community Center
 - a. Lisa Kouchakdjian motioned to open the School Committee Meeting and immediately enter a joint meeting with the Council on Aging and Parks and Recreation, Silvia Nerssessian seconded.
 - i. **Vote: 4-0**. Motion carries
 - b. The School Committee participated in a presentation by Combined Facilities Director Bill Barletta and Icon Architecture outlining the future of the Fairbank Community Center, which will house the Sudbury Senior Center, Sudbury Public Schools Central Administration, and Parks and Recreation Department.

Highlights from the presentation include:

 - i. Examples of other municipal architecture projects completed by Icon Architecture
 - ii. A review of the feasibility study conducted by Icon Architecture
 - iii. An examination of the reasons for reconstruction, not renovation (poor natural lighting, multiple additions already in existence, low cost differential between renovation and reconstruction)
 - iv. The cost per square foot is currently around \$385 per square foot for gymnasium space and \$515-\$525 per square foot for all other spaces
 1. These estimates are inclusive of demolition, commercial/catering kitchen equipment, audio-visual upgrades, and other site work

- v. Under the current proposal, SPS Central Offices will decrease in gross square footage, from 8,709 square feet to 7,713 square feet, but most of this reduction will come from the elimination of inefficiencies.
- vi. The total preliminary cost is estimated to be \$27.6 million.
- c. During the question and answer period with Icon Architecture, the School Committee sought clarification on several topics, including: secure storage for the SPS technology team's supplies; parking information; confirmation that renovation of the existing structure is not a feasible option; if the project cost would increase should it be delayed to another year; facade options and their impact on the total and long term operating costs; reasons for continuing to share facilities instead of pursue three individual buildings; what green/environmentally-friendly initiatives were built into this project proposal; why the building was designed to have only a single floor; and what, if any, communal spaces have been built into the proposal.
- d. Silvia Nersessian motioned to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:26 PM, Maggie Helon seconded.
 - i. **VOTE: 4-0**. Motion carries, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Dulak

Documents Reviewed During the November 7, 2019 School Committee Meeting

None