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JOINT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
 Regular Meeting

7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 26, 2017
 Conference Rooms C & D – Lobby Level
 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington VA 22201

MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theodore Black (TB)
 Matthew de Ferranti (Mdf)
 Jerry Gidner (JG)
 Eric Goldstein (EG)
 Angelika Goodman (AG)
 Joseph Leitmann-Santa Cruz (JLS)
 Todd McCracken (TM)
 Devanshi Patel (DP)

Susan G. Robinson (SR)
 William Ross (WR)
 Katie Rouse (KR)
 Rodney Turner (RT)
 Janine Velasco (JV)
 Cicely Whitfield (CW)
 Steve Young (SY)

Chair: Ginger Brown (GB)
Vice Chair: Greg Greeley (GG)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Cunningham

STAFF PRESENT: Jill Griffin, Dennis Leach, Lynne Porfiri, Lisa Stengle, Zach Larnard, Michael DePalma, John Chadwick

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by GB at 7:05 PM; quorum present.
- Introductions: County and APS staff; members of FAC and, specifically, Stacy Snyder, Chair of FAC
- GB stated that public comment would be taken at the end of the meeting

2. Chair’s Report

- Approval of the June Meeting Minutes: EG moved/SY seconded with no change
- Update on Buck & Carlin Springs
 - Phase 3 on hold as funding and staffing resources need to be secured.
 - Staff will come back at key touch points during the Phase 3 process.
- Bus Parking FAQs – posted/presented later
- Work Plan
 - Hand out – both short term and long term elements.
 - Updated calendar with new dates: either the second or fourth Wednesday of each month starting in 2018.

3. Phased Facility & Site Development Plan for the Career Center (Joint JFAC & FAC Discussion)

- Lisa Stengle provided the staff presentation. GB asked members of FAC and JFAC if they had any clarifying questions.
- JLS – Are the internal modifications fully maximized?
 - John Chadwick responded yes without the additions
- Several members raised questions about transportation issues: traffic and safety.
 - Dennis Leach explained that DES monitors with 180 traffic cameras + automated counts. Traffic WILL be considered.
 - John Chadwick stated that the Career Center location does provide a large walk zone and anticipates traffic will be reduced. Dennis Leach added that the Career Center campus is almost the center of bus service within the county for both n/s and e/w routes.
 - Kenmore is at the edge of county and served by single street. The County would have to work with VDOT and Fairfax County. Only 1 bus route serves Kenmore.
- A member of FAC stated that there WILL be local traffic impact for either site. Traffic should not distinguishing comment rather Kenmore is not able to accommodate an increase now. Traffic has to be unlocked with VDOT & Fairfax.
- Stacy Snyder reiterated that FAC was initially looking at 1300 seats by 2022. FAC was not looking for a HS site per se. It was determined that Kenmore *could* fit a 1300 seat building.
- KR – Did we hit the 2017 projections? SLIDE 7. How close?
 - Lisa Stengle – very close to the projections.
- KR – CIP funds (slide 13) – are all funds available?
 - John Chadwick – Dollars are designated for the 1300 seats.
- KR – did we look at office space?
 - John Chadwick – yes. Move central admin to office space at Sequoia which frees up space at the Ed Center. Few office buildings in Arlington make sense for APS academic programs. More suburban with parking.
- RT – Slide 13 – funds might not all be used. Bond is written for SB to use for schools purposes. How much & when.
 - APS staff - \$25m for ed and the remainder for Career Center by 2022.
- TB – 1300 seat to meet short term need. Is this on top need a 4th HS?
 - Lisa Stengle - Meets needs for 2022. Based beyond projections – could require 5th HS or more middle schools.
 - TB – perhaps we should reframe the issue. Establish a 4th HS on Career Center and look long term for a 5th HS
- Stacy Snyder asked for clarification for 2026 and the need for 1723 HS seats.
 - GG – look at 20 -30 years and not preclude any future use at Career Center – not just HS seats.

- MdF – slide 13. Where is the financial analysis? Others had deeper review and analysis.
- GB suggested that we shift how to plan for the CIP. Over time, if there is phased development – then it flows into the CIP. Planning will lead to CIP discussion as implementation.
- MdF – slide 45 – when is Career Center Working Group going to be appointed.
 - GB – On November 11th the School Board (in consultation with the County Board) plans to finalize the charge/considerations. The Working Group will be appointed shortly thereafter.
- SR – understands that the working group is just for the Career Center. Is there a separate process for the ed center/W-L? What is happening with the ed center?
 - GB – come back to this. Designed flexibility.
 - Lisa Stengle – Staff coming up with proposals for the Ed Center and WL. Expand WL. Stand alone will require admin. space. There is another meeting scheduled this month. The idea is to design flexible space which can be used as anything.
- CW – how correct have the projections been for the past years?
 - GG – There was significant work with the Community Facilities Study. The projections are really good (+/- 1 percent) for a year to two years out; good (+/- 2 percent) three to five years. High school projections may be more accurate for the years out. Elementary school projections are more challenging for children not born. Harder to project for years out and as trends are shifting.
- CW – what data goes into the projections.
 - GG – grade projection cohorts. Also look at a certain percentage of live births.
 - CW – look economically about ability of living & raising children in Arlington.
 - FAC member asked about students living in single family homes v. apartments. Is this a trend is changing? Still seeing majority of students from single-family neighborhoods.
- CW – slide 23. Is there a list of items that families like?
 - The results of the survey are listed near the bottom of the 1300 HS web site.
- EG – How will the charge work? Design the site without knowing the instructional focus?
 - Lisa Stengle – suggested that it is probably a neighborhood HS.
 - GB – could you design flexibility into the site to shift programs in & out. Lisa Stengle stated that there would be tech programs for sure. CTE – more attendees in the neighborhood schools.
- GB outlined possible considerations for the Career Center charge including: design flexible to adjust to the needs? Field space off-site? Joint county project? Phased plans (PDSP discussion) to plan for the building & circulation. The timeline isn't the CIP – may be 15-20 years. Over time, how does it all fit in? Short/medium/long range plan all in one. Minds to help draft the charge.
- GG and GB suggested that members review the site prior to the October 11 meeting. There is significant differentiation around the site – densities, forms, etc.

- TM – Suggested that a recommendation about a 4th comp HS is made to the School Board with Career Center as an option. He asked if there would be there also be recommendations of the existing programs, facilities, etc.
- Stacy Snyder (and other FAC members) – The working group will need to understand that the charge is not just talking about desks. Common spaces...café, libraries, theater, gym, parking, media rooms, etc. These spaces would need to be accommodated as well. Need to be cognizant of this. Additionally, there is a need for other community spaces and/or community use for common spaces. The master planning report should recommend how the space is used and how can the spaces be used more creatively.
- JFAC members asked about Henry and the Montessori program.
 - Will trailers go away?
 - Lisa Stengle – uncertain. Also uncertain as to what will happen while the construction is ongoing.
 - Move of Henry will impact the community. Lots of change to neighborhood will happen at the same time.
- FAC member – Part of the charge needs to include analysis of a neighborhood school v. lots of other programs drawing from the outside.
- FAC member – Survey suggested that people didn't like the online high school option. Maybe education is needed to discuss this blended model. Ability to rotate seats. Off the table? Online classes but not fully online. It is a shift in parent's expectations of what they had in school.
 - Lisa Stengle – An online high school would not be a 100 percent online high school.
- GG – asked for information about the transportation challenges on Carlin Springs.
 - Dennis Leach explained: Commuter arterial – Baileys Crossroads to Arlington Blvd.
 - More traffic than Columbia Pike.
 - Very peak oriented.
 - Three schools.
 - ROW is very limited.
 - Narrow sidewalks.
 - Private property at the back of sidewalk.
 - Challenging from ROW/ownership/not just Arlington.
 - Geometry. Street grids but the streets are not connected.
 - Safety Study from Arlington Bouelvard intersection down to Campbell ES. This is not an EASY corridor.
 - Most financial resources tied to regionally focused/mixed-use development.
 - No access to TIF or the commercial tax (no commercial). Funding is not aligned. Therefore looking at GO and PAYGo. No simple, cheap solutions.
 - Signs, markings & signal timing as initial improvements.
 - SY – question about the utility poles?
 - Cost to underground is est. \$0.5 – \$1.0m per block for undergrounding. No funds for large scale.
 - RT – improvements out of the question?
 - No improvements at this time.

- EG – is there a time horizon?
 - It requires hard discussions about the future of this area of the county. No easy solutions & priorities. Most control the County has is along the Kenmore property.
- SY – should the Career Center Working Group think about other facilities needs that were identified during initial JFAC meetings? For example, a fire station as a need for CP. Should there be some consideration of co-development with non-APS needs?
- TB – Similar to how JFAC looked at the Buck property, the Career Center Working Group should be advised of any utilities located underground on the site that would hinder redevelopment.

4. Announcements and Public Comment

- GB reminded members of the upcoming joint JFAC/FAC informational session on October 11 at W-L High School.
- Public comments were incorporated throughout the meeting. There were a couple of specific comments:
 - There is bias near WL. Along North Quincy Street traffic is awful. Walkability is important. It is important to talk to school as changes to North Quincy Street has reduced flow. Adding seats at WL – at a school with community spaces already maxed out – could impact the citizens access to amenities (i.e. pool).
 - Rick Epstein – stated that there is an 8-story building adjacent to the Career Center site – could the county/school purchase the AT&T building?
 - Staff responded that they look from time to time at various buildings.
 - Please clarify the bounds of the study. Live in the neighborhood and knows that there are many children. Turn throughs are challenging from a safety perspective. Excess traffic going through the neighborhood.

5. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.