

These minutes are subject to approval by the Public Building & Site Commission

The Public Building and Site Commission held a regular meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The meeting was held at the Newtown Police Department, 191 South Main Street, Newtown. Chairman Art Norton called the meeting to order 7:00p.m.

Present: Art Norton, Allen Adriani, Anthony D'Angelo, Sally Feuerberg, Kristian Otten

Absent: Gus Brennan, Gordon Johnson, Patrick McCleary and Tom Catalina

Also Present: Purchasing Director Kerri Mubarek, C.H. Booth Library Board of Trustee member David Schill (7:11pm) and C.H. Booth President Elaine Corbo.

Public Participation: none.

Approval of Minutes: A. D'Angelo moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting.
K. Otten seconded. All in favor.

C.H. Booth Library

Project Update: The bid package was provided to Marchetti. Downes attended the meeting; they brought a lot of valuable information and asked many good questions. The bid was over budget; K. Mubarek will know more when she talks to Marchetti. There are a lot of unknowns. Both Downes and Consigli prefer to go in the direction of a CM. D. Schill said that will be a lot more money. Nineteen HVAC companies were notified; not one submitted a bid. Marchetti believes there will be some value engineering. Architectural drawings would be helpful. There was an RFP for preconstruction services for the Hawley HVAC project and we may consider pre-construction services for the Booth project. D. Schill said a more concerted effort has to be made to engage with general contractors, saying other contractors will show more interest if this is delayed until fall; there will be more availability. S. Feuerberg said that the library has fragile books; Downes has offered services to store the books. D. Schill said the library will be responsible for that; there are accommodations for fragile books. D. Schill asked PBSC to contact some of the contractors to be able to get through the list faster. K. Mubarek stated a forensic investigation was suggested to hire a testing company to understand what the ceilings, walls and floors are made of to understand where the piping locations will be. There was discussion on original drawings and where they are stored. Marchetti's drawings are on the website.

PCO's: none.

Next Steps: D. Schill and A. Norton will engage with contractors. Considering lead time, upon approval at Nov. 5 referendum, the project will not likely begin until late spring/early summer. HVAC companies are busy working on schools in the summer. Scheduling dates were discussed.

Schedule: n/a

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Newtown Community Center Aquatics HVAC:

Status Update: A. Adriani stated the original engineer had incorrect numbers relative to water temperature (lower) and air humidity (higher). This accounts for excessive moisture. The current unit is not capable of removing the moisture in the air. A. Adriani has talked to AON to recalculate the system with the correct conditions.

Newtown community Center Aquatics Geotechnical Evaluation:

Status Update: D. Schill said it should be determined if there is a leak in the line and suggested ground penetrating radar, if the pool is sinking. The pool area is not sinking so ground penetrating radar is not necessary. The buckling tile is mostly around the lap pool and beginning at the spray feature. Due to buckling conditions, the borings approach is the correct method to use. The Legislative Council approved this last week; it is now ready for RFP. This is estimated to be published mid-May.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2024 at the Newtown Municipal Center.

Adjournment: Having no further business the Public Building & Site Commission adjourned the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek