

CALENDAR HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 20, 2016

MINUTES

PAUL CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRMAN, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. at the Calendar House, 388 Pleasant Street, Southington, CT with the following members in attendance: Severino Bovino, Michael Fortier, Peter Freeman, Mark Lovely, Mark Sciota and Ralph Warner.

Also in attendance:

Robert Verderame, Calendar House Director

Dennis Rioux, Algis Kalvaitis, Architects ~ BL Company

Simon Etzel, Construction Manager ~ KBE

A quorum was determined.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Upon a motion made and seconded, minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously on voice vote.

4. Report from Architect

Mr. Etzel reported they met with various committees from the Calendar House and are in sync with the information gathered in the needs assessment. He emailed the committee with minutes from those meetings. He will be meeting with Mr. Verderame and his staff within the next two weeks as well. A much more accurate picture will be presented to the committee at the next meeting with the design and how the rooms will lay out in a 22,000 square foot building.

5. Report from Construction Manager

Mr. Etzel reported all comments on the contract were returned to Mr. Sciota and they await the design from the architect to begin pricing and will compare a one story vs. two story structure.

6. Report from Executive Director

Mr. Verderame reported the meeting with BL and the advisory committees went very well. Lots of good information was shared from the committee and the public. He stated he had an opportunity to attend a conference last week at the Groton/New London Senior Center which is a fantastic center. He shared pictures and schematics with the committee and BL. Mr. Verderame asked what the plans were for the pavilion. Mr. Sciota stated it may be relocated across the street but is still open for discussion. Mr. Verderame stated he feels strongly that it remain at the Calendar House. It offers a dual role in housing buses and also use as a picnic area in the summer. Mr. Verderame asked what the capacity for parking will be once construction begins as there are many activities along with rentals in the fall and winter. Mr. Sciota stated BL would be leaving approximately 75 parking spots available for use.

7. Public Communications

Carol Brown, 548 Hobart Street, Southington, CT ~ stated the pavilion houses three buses now and if it is left where it is now the senior center can be built in the back of it. She would like two feet left open from her deck so she can see the mountain and she would like to see fencing placed along the length of the property with security cameras.

Arthur Cyr, 103 Berlin Avenue, Southington, CT ~ stated his concern about not putting solar panels on the new building. Based on what energy consultants told the Board of Education, solar panels on the two elementary schools will save \$40,000 a year in heating costs. He firmly believes this building should be constructed with solar to keep yearly operating costs down. He also stated it would be more cost effective to bring utilities in from Hobart Street rather than tear up Pleasant Street again.

Mary Roberge, 35 Meeker Road, Southington, CT ~ stated she did not believe there were gas lines on Hobart St.

Mark White, 396 Mulberry Street, Southington, CT ~ stated once the floor plans are made available to the public, he would like to offer to put them on the website for the public to see.

8. Approval of Invoices

Upon a motion made and seconded, invoice was approved unanimously on voice vote.

9. Any other business to come before the Committee

Mr. Sciota stated it has been the policy of the town for the past four building projects for the town clerk to post all plans, minutes and agendas on the town website. He also stated the Chairman will sign initial agreements for BL and will finish the agreement with KBE next week. He stated BL is working with him on the FF&E contract.

Mr. Rioux stated a person at the advisory committee inquired about having family bathrooms so a spouse can help if needed with privacy. The plan will include plenty of private facilities in the new building.

10. Adjournment

Upon a motion made and seconded and voted unanimously on voice vote, meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Submitted,

Paul Champagne
Chairman