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**School Building Committee**  
**Tuesday, May 30, 2023 from 6 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Virtual**

**Remote Access: Computer:** **Virtual Meeting Link for SBC Meeting 06.15.2023**

**Phone: Dial:** **Virtual Meeting Link for SBC Meeting 06.15.2023**

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Approve minutes from 4/25 SBC Meeting Minutes
- Review overall project schedule
- Update on recent meetings with MSBA
- Update on Finance Committee meeting
- Discuss proposal for hybrid (gas/electric) building systems: vote required
- Update on permitting questions raised in public comment

**Attendees:**

- *School Building Committee Members:* **Camilia Garcia, David Yos, Debra Vega, Jessica Perella, Kathy Ortiz, Mark Lubold, Peter Tallman, Reina Lorenzi, Whitney Anderson, Anthony Soto, Erin Brunelle, Josh Garcia, Jaime Morrow, Anja Ryan, Kenia Davila**
  - Absent: Jackie Glasheen,
- *Working Group Members:* **Ysaaca Axelrod**
  - Absent: Wendy Weiss, Ron Collamore
- *Additional Community Members:*
- *Additional Staff:* **Margaret Wood, Petros Davos, Kseniya Slavsky, Mount Vernon Group (Frank Tedesco, Hugo Coutinho, Adolfo Cuevas, Chris LeBlanc, Dennis Daly, arrived late), Candice Healy, Interpreters (Les Sepulveda, Johanna Castilla), Erin Linville, Cam Cosine, J.P. Charboneau (landscape architect), Naomi Cottrell, Mike Bissonette**

Time	Mins.	Topic	Owner
6:00	5	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><b>FYI:</b> Members of the public wishing to submit public comments can email <a href="mailto:erinfontainebrunelle@gmail.com">erinfontainebrunelle@gmail.com</a> no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to request the opportunity to speak for up to 2 minutes or to request a written statement be read aloud.</p>	Erin Brunelle
6:05	10	<p><b>Review next steps from last meeting or other Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check in on actions from last meeting           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approve the 4/25 SBC Meeting Minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Middle SBC Meeting Minutes_2023.04.25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Motion: Whitney Anderson</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Erin Brunelle

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6:15	20	<p><b>Review Holyoke Gas &amp; Electric Interruptible Gas Service Model</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Whitney Anderson provided an overview of correspondence/progress with Holyoke Gas &amp; Electric regarding the Interruptible Gas Service model.</li> <li>● The benefits include aligning with the design of this model school, reducing required redesign. In addition, the first cost and operating costs will both be lower. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To direct MVG to plan the building systems to align with the Interruptible Gas Service Schedule presented (attached to minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Motion: Whitney Anderson</li> <li>■ Second: Mark Lubold</li> <li>■ All in Favor (14): Dave, Jaime, Mark, Whitney, Erin B, Camilia, Debra, Kathy, Reina, Peter, Anthony, Kenia, Anja, Jessica</li> <li>■ Any opposed: 0 (no)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Whitney Anderson
6:35	5	<p><b>Next steps regarding Project Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The next step with project cost is an estimate in August. This will provide the next opportunity to review a detailed estimate.</li> <li>● Margaret noted that the next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The agenda will include laying out the schedule for the rest of the project, including when and how frequently this team will meet.</li> <li>● Margaret noted that the project will be before City Council on June 6<sup>th</sup> for local funding approval and then before MSBA Board on June 21<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>● If both organizations approve, the project will be fully funded.</li> </ul>	Margaret Wood
6:40	10	<p><b>Other Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Margaret shared the public comments which have been received by the City Council and in the most recent Finance Committee meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A Holyoke resident has commented that he believes the project scope requires a review by the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) to determine if an environmental review process is required: the civil engineer has provided a legal opinion that review is not required because the project does not meet or trigger any of the thresholds that trigger such review.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Margaret Wood

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Margaret has circulated the memo provided by Brennan Consulting to the Building Committee.</li> <li>○ Margaret stated that she agrees with Brennan’s assessment and that the Committee should feel comfortable that the team has followed the legal requirements.</li> </ul>	
6:50	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upcoming Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuesday, June 6th, 7:00 p.m. City Council Vote on School Building Project</li> <li>● Thursday, June 15th, 6:00 p.m. <a href="#">Zoom</a>.</li> <li>● Wednesday, June 21st, 10:00 a.m. MSBA Board Meeting.</li> <li>● Thursday, July 6th, 6:00 p.m. <a href="#">Zoom</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Adjourn at 6:51 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Motion: Mark Lubold</li> <li>■ Second: Anthony Soto</li> <li>■ All in Favor (14): Dave, Jaime, Mark, Whitney, Erin B, Camilia, Debra, Kathy, Reina, Peter, Anthony, Kenia, Anja, Jessica</li> <li>■ Any opposed: 0 (no)</li> </ul>	Erin Brunelle
		<p><b>Possible Topics for Future Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TBD</li> </ul>	