

**CITY OF NORWALK
NORWALK FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION (NFCC)
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Richard Moccia, Richard Bonenfant, Paul Arcario, Rick Tavella, Glenn Iannaccone, Jim Feigenbaum, BET

OTHERS: Dr. Dan Cook, Norwalk Public Schools, Mark Gorian, Norwalk Public Schools

ABSENT: Alan Lo, Building Management, Amir Shamas, Gilbane

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

August 4, 2009

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2009.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2009 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. NORWALK SCHOOL PROJECTS

A. Norwalk High School

1. Project update - by Amar Shamas (Program Manager)

No report at this time.

2. Review only, changes approved by staff:

PCO#00451	\$ 4,839.00	CM Contingency	Provide panic hardware at the entry double doors near Pool area.
PCO#00452	\$ 14,795.88	Increase GMP	Final bond costs reconciliation for Electrical Contractor.
PCO#00453	\$ 3,808.51	Increase GMP	Final bond costs reconciliation for Site Contractor.
PCO#00454	\$ 14,730.93	Increase GMP	Final bond costs reconciliation for General Trades Contractor.

The committee reviewed the staff approved changes for Norwalk High School. There were no questions regarding those changes.

3. Review and approve budget for the proposed energy conservation improvements to the pool.

Mr. Gorian indicated that there was a summary of the proposed conservation improvements in the Commission members' information packet. He explained that in addition to the energy conservation audit, that three steps could be taken:

- the use of an insulated pool blanket when the pool is not in use. This would reduce the temperature in the pool room and also prevent evaporation of the pool water.
- the installation of variable frequency drives for the pool pumps which would allow the filtration system to cycle down when the pool is not in use.
- the connection of the pool dehumidifiers to the energy maintenance system that would also cycle down when the pool was not in use.

Mr. Gorian explained that currently, the pool filtration system, heaters and dehumidifiers are running 24/7. Mr. Tavella asked how many times the entire pool water cycled through. Mr. Gorian said that he believed it was once every six hours. When the pool was not in use, the filtration rate would cycled down to once every 8 to 10 hours. Discussion then followed.

A question was asked about the pool suppliers. Mr. Gorian said that for general pool supplies there are two main vendors. However, the system itself is proprietary and therefore, the City must use the contractor for those supplies.

Mr. Iannaccone expressed concern about the moisture setting off the fire alarms when the pool dehumidifiers cycle down. Mr. Gorian explained that he believes the pool blanket will prevent this from happening.

Mayor Moccia reminded everyone that this proposal would go to Mr. Lo to present at the next Land Use meeting before it is presented to the Council.

**** MR. ARCARIO MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR THE PROPOSED ENERGY CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL POOL.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Roton Middle School

1. Project Final State Audit Report.

No report at this time.

C. Elementary Schools Facilities Study

1. Review Board of Education's request to prepare an Elementary Schools Facilities Study

Dr. Cook explained that the new enrollment figures indicated that there would be a slight increase for the coming school year. This would entail adding seven or eight additional classrooms. He said that it would be important to make sure that the schools are using their space appropriately and to determine what the best recommendations would be. There were several questions regarding the specific numbers for various schools, which Dr. Cook answered.

The discussion then moved to Rowayton, which needs additional classrooms but also wants to maintain the open space for sports. Mr. Iannaccone pointed out that

if a second floor was added, there would be handicapped accessibility issues, including a handicapped accessible elevator.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S REQUEST TO PREPARE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FACILITY STUDY AS PRESENTED.**

Mr. Gorian commented that an RFP had already been issued and was due on December 3, 2009. He said that the District was requesting that the report be done by April 2010.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEM(S)

Mr. Bonenfant said that this meeting was his last meeting as a member of the Norwalk Facility Construction Committee due to new committee assignments and that it had been a pleasure.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. FEIGENBAUM MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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