

Abington Frolio Middle School Project Working Session #22

Notes for Session: 7:30 AM, May 16, 2014

Attendees: Peter Schafer, Jason Linn, Richard Testa, Kathy Bailey, Shawn Reilly, David Drew, Jannette Leary, Craig Olsen, Troy Randall, Scott Dunlap, and Mary Mahoney

Items:

1. Ai3 began by noting the focus of the meeting will be to review exterior design and construction assemblies for the building. Power point slides of computer generated models of several building views were distributed for discussion.
2. Aerial Perspective of the site and building.
 - Building exterior design has included features to denote the public entrances including separate canopies at the Middle School and High School main entries and at the Auditorium/Gym entry. The layout of the Middle School and High School canopies is designed to articulate the separate and independence of each location.
 - The main entry is also highlighted by inclusion of an entry plaza and with use of landscape features.
3. Views from Gliniewicz Way were reviewed including the High School academic wing area and connection to center core entry.
 - Architectural components were identified and reviewed. These features were included to reduce the scale of the façade.
 - The exterior construction proposes use of traditional materials should be red brick and traditional design aesthetic that will tie in well with the local community and government center on Gliniewicz Way.
4. Views from the northeast play fields (synthetic fields) was reviewed noting:
 - The location of the Auditorium/Gym entry that includes a canopy to call out the entry.
 - High School Student Dining location was identified and noted to feature curtainwall assemblies to maximize natural light into the space. The curtainwall assemblies will include standard manufactured components and lite sizes to create cost economies in its construction.
5. Enlarged view of the Main Entrance for the Middle School, Middle School Student Dining, and High School Main Entrance was reviewed.
 - Entrances will be part of an entry plaza to identify the building entries for visitors.
 - Main entries will also feature separate canopies for each entrance, possibly banners to further define the Middle School area and High School area and landscaping to draw attention to the entrance location.
6. Enlarged view of the High School academic wing was presented with backdrop of the High School entrance and Middle School entrance.
 - Further review of glazing components, brick construction, and sun shades
7. General discussion ensued regarding site signage and the need to include a flag pole at the main entrance area. Note need to show a fence at the Pre-K play area to assure safety & control of student area. Travel lanes around the school were reviewed.
8. FUTURE WORKING SESSION MEETING WERE SCHEDULED ON
 - **FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014 AT 7:30 AM** to review technology

Ai3's Working Session presentation completed and meeting discussion transitions to preparations for the Town Forum project presentation scheduled May 22, 6pm, at the Senior Center.

1. General discussions ensued regarding the format and presenters for the forum event. Attendees noted the high interest in the event.
2. Presentation topics were reviewed to ensure focus on community information.
3. It was suggested to include information to identify the options and locations considered during the feasibility study to demonstrate due diligence in investigations.
4. How the project transitioned from a Frolio based project to a 5-8 Middle School, 9-12 High School in a co-located building needs to be presented.
5. Information comparing costs for new versus renovation or add/renovation should be discussed. As well as the benefits of new and compromises in renovations.
6. Information regarding other local communities completing projects during the last yen years was discussed.
7. Site plan and aerial view model perspective should be presented.
8. Project cost and timeline were discussed.
9. Suggested that Building Committee members be formally invited to the Community Forum, schedule May 22, 2014, at 6pm in the Abington Senior Center.

To the best of my knowledge, these notes are a fair representation of the issues and items discussed at the meeting. Additional items or corrections should be brought to the attention of the writer.

Submitted by: M. Mahoney 5/16/14