

City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee
January 5th, 2023
6:30 PM – 8 :00 PM

Roll Call: Committee members

Mai Abdul Rahman

Melinda Baldwin

Maira Delao

Nicholas Misukanis

Cynthia Totten

Quorum? - *Achieved*

Approval: January 5th, 2023 Agenda? –

MAR: Motion to Approve: ***Unanimous Support***

Approval: November 28th, 2022 meetings minutes? –

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Other Attendees:

Emily Strab (Ward 2)

Jackie Lizama

Sean Porter

Daniel Broder

Agenda

1. Vote on EAC grant application recommendations for council approval.

MAR – general overview of final draft letter to council. The grant period aligns with school calendar; projects have two semesters to complete instead of two months. Ensure application requirements are met instead of the current status where applicants are asked to submit a final report during the summer break that has been largely ignored and the EAC is without power to enforce it-- Motion to approve. ***All in favor*** –

2. Introductions: Hyattsville Educations Facilities Task Force

MAR introduced Chair Daniel Broder with the Educational Facilities Task Force. Offered committees support the task force.

3. Discussion: Hyattsville Elementary School

- i. Review Educational Facilities Task Force main focus and objectives*
- ii. What are the projected phases and timelines for HES (from students leaving school campus-to returning back to campus?)*

DB - Funds have been allocated. Approved for usage in October 2022. Project HES is P3 phase 2. Council has new makeup; new members now have concerns that may delay project implementation. Major point of contention is the Project Labor Agreements (PLA) already in place. Council now requests the makeup of contractors to be at least 40 percent county owned businesses and 30 percent minority owned business. This could potentially take the project back through the rebidding process. The requesters for this change however have not proposed how this will work and may not have the budget to fund the requests they are making. New PLA would apply to all schools being built in the county and there is a possibility that schools may be cut out of package. There is an estimated \$8.5 billion maintenance and construction backlog in the county.

MD- what does this pushback mean for the deadlines? Is the project at risk of being delayed indefinitely?

DB- Demo slated to commence in 2024, construction and clean up expected between 2024-2026, with opening scheduled for Fall 2026. Change in PLA would affect selected RFQ/RFPs; affect the scope of pricing, Etc. Call to action by calling our council member and elected officials of New Carrollton/ Riverdale/College Park/ Berwyn Heights areas that are not supportive of moving the project forward. May contact Dan at dnbroder@gmail.com, 202-491-1877 for more information.

MAR- Students/Parents/Staff in Riverdale attending city schools could be potential advocates.

iii. How are the lessons learned from Hyattsville Middle School experience informing task force decisions?

DB – HMS in its final stages of construction; parking lot being regraded. Will be ready to open in July; scheduled ribbon cutting due in September for return to school. Commends the team on keeping project on track.

iv. How will or is the task force involving HES parents, teachers and school principle?

DB - President of HES PTA very concerned. They want the rebuild even though it means picking up students at Goddard. Parents are collecting signatures to send to council and emphasize they want the rebuilt to move forward in a timely fashion.

4. Select/ recommend to Council school grant recipients

JL - Only received 6 applications received: sent to EAC in email to review earlier.

MB- can we give them more money? JL – no we cannot.

CT- we should keep the deadline open if there is enough time to spend the money. JL- I'll ask Laura. MAR- all budget decision must be decided by the 5th.

ES – we need to have the budget requests in by the end of month. Applications for this period...if you don't approve by the 9th you'll have to wait 2 weeks before having money disbursed.

JL- if we keep it open, we can ask council to put on next agenda for any we receive after.

All- Review of Current Applications – Move to Approve: **All in favor** 6 applications were approved – 2 Hyattsville Middle, 3 Edward M Felegy Elementary, 1 Roger Heights Elementary (requesting addendum for additional grant application to supplement program)

MAR- reminder of Jan 23 meeting. Reached out to Tired Parents on several occasions – while initially they were open to meet with us we are still awaiting formal response to schedule them in.

ES– requests a breakdown of application approvals – projects and amounts for previous years.

CT-we had 20 grant recipients last year.

JL- to request info from Laura regarding the additional applicants

5. Reminder: Committee regular December meeting will be held on January 23rd, 2023

6. Public comment? - None

Moved to Adjourn. *All in favor*