Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Called to order by acting chair, Denise Banister, at 6:40 PM. Present: Denise Banister, Don Lawton, Dan Banister, Peter Mahieu, Louis Hasbrouk, Jason Connell, Daryl Springman, and Anwar Hossain. Absent: Dick Kisloski, Bill Sayre, Denise Wickland, and Mike Wayne.

No adjustments were made on the agenda presented. Jason Connell moved and Louis Hasbrouk seconded that the minutes of the September 30, 2015, meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed with one abstention.

Anwar presented Study #3. This places the Police Department on the ground floor of the James School. We then discussed the pros and cons of putting the Fire Department in a connected building to save duplicating electrical and sprinkler systems. Possible code issues that might arise from connecting a brick structure with a structure of a different construction were discussed. Also, the impact of traffic circulation was discussed. Anwar stated that the James School building is basically a sound structure. He also pointed out that Configuration 3.2 brings the Fire Department building closer to the James School building, and is therefore less disturbing of the area, necessitating less area that needs to be restored to its natural state.

Cost for the Fire Station is projected to be $2.6 Million. Cost to rehab the James School shell is estimated at $1.4 Million; and the cost to renovate and fit-out the ground floor of the James School building for the Police Department is estimated at $1.0 Million ($200 per square foot – expensive because of special fit-outs for the Police Department). The projected cost to rehab the second and third floors of the James School is $100-$125 per square foot. Anwar pointed out that the construction of the ground floor of the James School can be done in phases, as the entire area will not be needed immediately for the Police Department.

The bottom line is – we must gauge interest in the project – explore ways to sell the project, and determine what the voters will support. We also need to move the repurposing committee along on their work, so we can determine what is to be done with the James School. The Public Safety Complex Committee has to determine if we tell the repurposing committee our plans for the James School – and to see if they will agree and go along with our plans.

Regarding the Final Report from DRA – Anwar would like us to look over the draft, give feedback to him to help determine what the final report should be.

At 7:37, Dan Banister moved and Don Lawton seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Banister