Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee

Thursday, February 26, 2015

Called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Bill Sayre.

Members present: Bill Sayre, Don Lawton, Jason Connell, Dan Banister, Peter Mahieu, Michael Wayne, Denise Banister, Daryl Springman, Dick Kisloski. Absent: Louis Hasbrouk, Denise Wickland. Also present: Charlene Nardi, Anwar Hossain from DRA, Inc., Tom Jenkins from GZA Environmental (site plan), Charles Dudek, Mary Dudek, Rob Stinson, Bill Turner, and Kim Boas.

Bill Turner discussed the water delivery capability of the current Route 9 water main and estimated flow at 600 gpm.

Peter Mahieu moved to accept the minutes of the January 29 meeting; Jason Connell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tom Jenkins stated that GZA has done a preliminary site study. The school brook qualifies as a river, so a 200 foot setback would be required; but since a building already exists on the site, we can go closer to the brook than 200 feet.. As the currently proposed building is around 15,000 square feet in size, Tom said we would have to find a site along a river bank where 30,000 square feet had been degraded and then restore that area (if the area is offsite, two times the area that we are degrading would have to be restored, or if it was on-site, one times the area degraded would have to be restored.). Japanese knotweed mitigation qualifies as restoration.

The building would have to be sprinklered, and water delivery should be adequate to support the sprinkler system, as we would tap into the main on South Street. Referring to information provided by Bill Turner it was determined that further down Route 9, water delivery would be an issue.

Anwar Hossain discussed the preferred building scheme labeled option 2 (Scheme C) refined with input from the police and fire departments . The size should be around 15,260 square feet, and even if the inside configuration was changed, the size should remain the same. Police and fire department members are invited to look over this plan and to come up with suggestions to improve it.

The location of the mechanical room was questioned. Members wanted to know what systems will be in place. Anwar answered that the mezzanine in the area over the rooms adjacent to the bays can hold some of the mechanical items. A 40 foot setback from Route 9 is important to maintain for ease in maneuvering the fire trucks.

It was questioned whether use of part of the James School was still an option. Anwar stated that option could be looked at as part of the study. If we change the use of the building, does it have to be brought up to code? It was agreed to concentrate our efforts on the public safety complex, and to let the building reuse committee concentrate on the James School use.

Kim Boas noted that grants and programs are available for making the building more energy efficient. Bill suggested that Kim and Anwar work collaboratively.

It was questioned whether there is a cost estimate. Anwar stated that he would have a ball park figure by our next meeting.

Meetings with Anwar and the Fire Department, and with Anwar and the Police Department will be scheduled for March 10.

A rough draft of the video will be sent soon.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 PM.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Banister