

Newton North High School Liaison Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Meeting Notes

Aldermen and Committee Members Present: Michael Kruse-Chair, Alderman Steve Linsky, Alderman Marcia Johnson, Alderman Leonard Gentile, School Committee Member Reenie Murphy, Captain Howard Mintz, Arnie Bauchner, Jeanne White, Tom Kraus (for Laura Naylor), Sarah Ecker, Jim Robertson, Steve Shufro.

The Agenda items included:

- ***Introduction/Comments from Chair - Mike Kruse***

Mike Kruse called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A brief discussion was had regarding the communication of upcoming cement pours that could extend after 7:00 p.m. Many members did not receive a recent e-mail message from Commissioner Nick Parnell. Mike asked Nick to check into this problem with the IT Department.

- ***Construction Updates/Progress on Floor Pouring, Progress of Exterior Walls***

Tripp Elmore with Turner Construction gave a construction update stating that work is continuing vigorously. Tripp provided updates based on the web posting dated March 6, 2009. Highlights included the concrete pouring on Wednesday, March 11, in the athletic basement. The size of the pour will be 300 yards and could extend past the 7:00 p.m. deadline. Waivers were requested and received to allow this work to proceed. The roof-top HVAC units will be installed over the next 10 days. Progress continues on the installation of the bricks by the masons. It is expected that the windows will be delivered to the site around May 1, 2009. Tripp anticipates the building to be completely weather tight by November 2009. As each section becomes weather tight the installation of the drywall will begin.

Tripp reviewed the "Dust (control) Plan" for the spring and summer time. The proposed stadium area will be rough graded and then seeded with rye. The parking lot adjacent to Walnut Street will have curbing installed and a binder coat of asphalt in place. The area of the proposed ceremonial driveway that is currently used for parking will continue to be watered (as it was last year) to keep the dust to a minimum. If the weather requires, they will use a water truck on Sundays to control dust. It is expected that the seeded dirt piles in the tennis court area will be reduced in size.

Jim Robertson commented that during the last snowstorm the construction companies snow removal crew started onsite at 4:15am. Tripp said he would check into it and make sure it did not happen again.

- ***Other Updates***

Mike Kruse commented that the consultants working on the update of the construction website are making progress and anticipates they will be ready to launch the site soon.

Alderman Johnson commented that the traffic signal item will be heard at the next Public Facilities Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 18.

Steve Shufro commented that the area around Kimbal Terrace is being littered due to kids smoking in the area and requested that it be cleaned up. School Committee Member, Reenie Murphy agreed to discuss this with Principal Jennifer Price.

There is also an issue with the removal of trash barrels on the school grounds. It was requested they be replaced, however there seems to also be an issue with emptying the City's trash barrels. Mike Kruse said he would follow-up with the Parks and Recreation Department.

It was noted by abutter Niels Steenstrup that there are still a drop-off and pick-up issues at Kimbal Terrace and Blythdale Ave. Captain Howard Mintz said he would look into this problem and take appropriate action.

Mike Kruse adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.