

Newton North High School Liaison Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
Meeting Notes

Aldermen and Committee Members Present: Mayor David B. Cohen, Alderman Steve Linsky, Sgt. James Norcross, Arnie Bauchner, Jeanne White, Laura Naylor, Sarah Ecker, Jim Robertson, Steve Shufro.

The Agenda items included:

Introduction/Comments from Mayor:

Mayor Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Rob Jussola, with Turner Construction gave a construction update. Rob provided updates based on the web posting dated April 24, 2009. Highlights included the continuation of concrete pours in the theatre area, athletic building and corridor in the middle of the building. Waivers have been requested, as needed, if it is anticipated that the work might go beyond the allowed time. The rooftop HVAC units are installed. Progress continues on the installation of the bricks by the masons. Bricking in the academic wing is 95% complete. The exterior heaters installed to heat the building during the winter are mostly gone. It is expected that the installation of the windows will begin the week of May 4, 2009.

Laura Naylor inquired about the dirt pile in the tennis court area. Rob commented that the fill would be used to prep the tennis court and ceremonial entrance areas and to grade the parking lot. She also asked about the plan for dust mitigation for this season. Rob commented that due to the warmer weather they have had the water truck on site and will continue to water the grounds regularly to keep the dust to a minimum. Laura inquired if abutters would be allowed to provide additional landscaping on school property that abuts their property with City approval? Mayor Cohen and Public Buildings Commissioner, Nick Parnell, agreed they could work together with her on the landscaping plan.

Jim Robertson commented that he has received complaints from abutters that the workers are again starting before 7:00 a.m. Nick said he would address the issue with the construction crew.

Steve Shufro commented that smokers are congregating on Blithedale Street causing some problems. He suggested that the Police Department provide "spot" enforcement in the early morning and in the afternoon when school lets out. Sgt. Norcross took note. Steve also noted that the Parks and Recreation Department have the trash barrels are now in place.

- ***Other Updates***

Abutter, Nick Islelin, Hull Street, commented that the street has not been cleaned up from the winter salt and sand. He also inquired if there would be any changes to the upcoming school year's Tiger Permit. He suggested using a placard instead of a sticker so it would

be transferable within the same family. Mayor Cohen said he would discuss with NNHS Principal, Jennifer Price, and review at the next meeting.

Beverly Spencer requested that before the winter season begins this year that the Committee discuss plowing issues on Hull Street near the south curb line. She also asked the status of the pathway leading from Hull Street. Nick offered to walk with Beverly and show her the trees that are to be removed.

Laura Naylor asked about the fencing to be used in this area. Currently the chain link fence will remain with additional planting being added inside the fence that abuts the edge of the sidewalk path. An ornamental, 6 ft. fence will be installed around the track and football fields.

Beverly Spencer asked if a more permeable fence could be considered on Hull Street at the top of the hill. Nick said he would review the site plan. It was asked that Nick bring the landscaping plan to the next Committee meeting for review.

Alderman Linsky asked that abutter notices for any approved Noise Ordinance permit be sent out as soon as possible. Mayor Cohen and Nick Parnell explained that the current process is that once the Mayor approves the waiver it then goes to the City Clerk's office where it is logged. City Clerk, David Olson, emails the waiver out to both the Ward 2 Aldermen and the Liaison Committee distribution list. If the Clerk is unable to send the email, Nick Parnell will do so.

Laura Naylor asked Nick to consider having the windows installed on the Walnut Street side of the Field House first to eliminate the light coming from the building to the abutters as much as possible.

Mayor Cohen adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m.