

Winthrop Firehouse Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 16th, 2025 - Harvey Room

PRESENT: Karin Chavis, Hannah Belcher, Jim Letterie, Joe Hanlon, Jill Dorr, Kim Dimes, Paul Flanagan, Stephen Calandra, Scott Wiley, Shannon Poulos (via zoom)

Absent: Jack Dempsey, Marc Wallerice

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from 5/27/25. Kim Dimes motion to approve, motion seconded by Hannah Belcher.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carina Campobasso spoke on behalf of “Mothers Out Front” which is a grass roots organization They are requesting that the committee consider using a geothermal system which offers a sustainable and cost-effective heating and cooling solution. The Committee on Climate Change will be having a guest speaker on August 4th and more information will be shared at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS /GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The building subcommittee reviewed informational material for 4 potential architectural firms bidding on this project. Kaestle Boos (KBA) scored the highest and was unanimously chosen for this project. P3 and KBA have previously worked on projects together and have a great working relationship. Jim Letterie made a motion to use KBA, the motion was seconded by Kim Dimes.

Jim Letterie said that a study was done and there is more asbestos in the building than previously thought. RFQ's for demolition are due by the end of July. Hoping to start demolition in November and start building in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next FHBC meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 29th at 5:00PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Kim Dimes, seconded by Hannah Belcher. Meeting ended at 6:32