



WINTHROP FIREHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 13, 2025, Harvey Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER – 5:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Scott Wiley (SW), Stephen Calandra (SC), Jim Letterie (JL), Karin Chavis (KC), Jack Dempsy (JD), Hannah Belcher (HB), Tony Marino (TM), Joe Hanlon (JH)

Absent: Jill Dorr, Kim Dimes, Paul Flanagan, Shannon Poulos

Other Attendees: Dan Pallotta, P3 (DP), Larry Trim (KBA), Seung Hwan Lee (KBA)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes, July 29th, 2025 as circulated

motion by JD, 2nd by SC; Unanimously approved

OPM UPDATE

- Dan away 8/24-9/8, Mark Champagne will be backup
- Test beds have been established to check for mastic below grade
 - 50/50 chance that it is found; if none, much easier/less costly
- All utilities can be capped
- Emergency response for gym & rink tied into old middle school
 - Will need to relocate that system – already started running fiberoptics for fire response – adding remote dialer
- Larry/Seung Hwan have looked at archives and visited site
 - Visually checked foundations
 - Can find all drawings of site EXCEPT structural drawings
 - Water/electrical/etc. will be easy to cut and cap
 - Can cut utility lines to make old middle school building ‘free standing’
 - Can visually see old high school foundation
 - Unclear if all debris was removed when that building was taken down
- May need to enclose wall of Auditorium
 - Could cut/cap at top of auditorium (near old drama room)
- Dan will provide drawings to Tony for DPW to dig appropriate test beds

DISCUSSION

JL: Need to talk to abutters before test beds are dug

DP: Yes, abutters will be informed; just need to dig down deep enough to check for mastic, but the building’s footing is not that deep

JL: Cellucci Tree needs to be carefully relocated/remain safe during construction. Also need to understand parking availability during demo

DP: Demolition company determines staging/order of demo project, so no clear answers on parking etc. yet

- Demo requests will be on register right before labor day, anticipate having all relevant drawings by the Wednesday after
 - Anticipate 4-5 bids
 - Still waiting on utility survey – should have by end of month

Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 29th, 5pm – will start discussion of design

DP: will use paper bidding process (IFB) to help keep cost down

- All site visits have to be POSTED, but do not need to be open to the public

ADJOURNMENT

motion by JL ,2nd by TM; Passed unanimously

Adjourned 5:37pm