

Winthrop Firehouse Building Committee Meeting

Monday, September 29th, 2025 - Harvey Room

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00pm

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Karin Chavis, Hannah Belcher, Jim Letterie, Jill Dorr, Kim Dimes, Paul Flanagan, Stephen Calandra, Scott Wiley, Jack Dempsey, Joe Hanlon

Shannon Poulos, Tony Marino on Zoom

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES: Karin Chavis asked that the minutes be corrected to show that Joe Hanlon was at the August 13th meeting. Marc Wallerice is no longer on the committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wiley, 2nd by Kim Dimes, unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Dan Pallotta informed the committee that 7 bids were received to demo the old middle school. Southern Middlesex Industries (SMI) out of Norwood, MA was the lowest bidder. This company comes highly recommended by KBA. They have a reputation for finishing jobs on time and keeping within budget. Jim Letterie made a motion to discuss SMI, Kim Dimes seconded. Steve Calandra met with KBA last week on zoom, he asked if SMI had done a traditional walkthrough of the site. Dan Pallotta said yes they did and to expect change orders. Jim Letterie inquired about the tree which was planted and dedicated in memory of Michael R. Cellucci. The tree is in front of the auditorium, he asked if it would be moved. Mr. Pallotta said that P3 puts an emphasis on community outreach and there are plans in place to re-plant the tree. Rodent infestation is a concern; plans will be in place to address it. There will be a hotline established for neighbors to voice their concerns and they will keep neighbors informed during the demolition process. Scott Wiley made a motion to recommend SMI, Jim Letterie seconded.

Mr Pallotta and Seung Hwan Lee gave an update on the project thus far. Mr. Lee went over the layout of the space inside the building. Jack Dempsey suggested touring newly built fire houses in the area to get ideas.

Scott Wiley asked if any committee members had any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next FHBC meeting will take place on Monday, October 20th at 5:00PM in the Harvey Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Kim Dimes, seconded by Jack Dempsey. Meeting ended at 5:40

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