

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Academy Community Center Advisory Committee.

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: February 16, 2023, 5:30 pm

Meeting Place: Town Campus Room D

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Bill Stableford called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. In attendance: Committee members Vice Chair Joan McPherson, Scott Cochran, Sheri Cote, Roslyn Fahey, Austin Hall, Lisa Nee, and via Zoom John Lamirande. Also present – Gail McGrimly, liaison from MYFS, Heather Noblin. Members of the Public – Kristin Morris

1. Approval of minutes Chairman Bill Stableford asked for a motion to approve February 9, 2023, minutes. Joan made a motion, and Roz seconded. A majority vote approved the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Noah Bloom, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Music School New Haven, made a PowerPoint presentation for the committee, followed by a Q & A.
2. The Academy Leadership Team (First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, Selectman Al Goldberg, OPM Marc Sklenka, QA&M Architect Tom Arcari, Advisory Committee Chair Bill Stableford, Building Committee Chair Joe Ballantine) met on Monday, February 13. Bill reported that the meeting was a reality check about the budget—the \$15.9 million budgeted needs to cover the renovation as approved by the taxpayers. There remains a question about how historical and other grants can be applied to the project.
3. Review of the Studio Arts Focus group. The committee was impressed with all of the studio groups. The committee acknowledges that an area dedicated to pottery and ceramics would need a thorough discussion to weigh the cost v. benefits.
4. Lisa and Roz reported visiting “Coffee for Good” in Greenwich. They were impressed with the set up and professionalism of the employees. Deb Rosen, the executive director, shared insight into their 501 © 3, how they hire employees, and their relationship with ABLIS, a

transition and disability services organization. Lisa is awaiting a response from Helen Bosch of VISTA re: possibly establishing a similar program in a community center in the Academy building.

5. Scott is open to allocating space for a staff break room within the MYFS space currently designated in the lower level of the Academy building.
6. The BOF tour of Academy will not be scheduled until there is a need to allocate funds.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Joan reported that she had contacted Jacque Pepin's assistant to extend an invitation to meet with the committee in person.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Austin will share a link to the line item Academy budget.
9. Committee members should come prepared with their budget questions.
10. Scott will get more information from MPS Superintendent Cooke about the uses and availability of the renovated Polson Auditorium.
11. Bill will share the Academy survey results with Noah Bloom.
12. Roz will supply the physical needs of a coffee shop similar to Coffee for Good.
13. Public comment: None.
14. Adjournment: Bill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joan made a motion, and Bev seconded—the motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:59 pm.

The next ACCAC meeting will be on February 23, 2023, @ 5:30 pm in the Hammonsett Room Town Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Nee

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