

MEETING NOTES



Meeting Date: March 5, 2024
 Project Name: Lexington High School
 Project Number:
 Subject: Site, Safety and Security Focus Group Meeting #3
 Attendees:

Present	Name	Affiliation	Present	Name	Affiliation
✓	Kathleen Lenihan	SBC Chair & SC Member	✓	Vincent Lerow	AV Technician
✓	Michael Cronin	SBC Vice-Chair & LPS Facilities	✓	Marissa Liggiero	Lexington Engineer
	Julie Hackett	Superintendent	✓	John Livsey	Town Engineer
	Cynthia Arens	Sustainable Lexington Committee Chair		Ross Morrow	Lexington Engineer
	Suzanne Barry	Select Board Vice Chair	✓	Patricia Moyer	Tree Committee Co-Chair
✓	Melissa Battite	Recreation Director		Karen Mullins	Conservation Commission
	Joanne Belanger	Director of Public Health		Glenn Parker	Appropriation Committee Chair
✓	Chris Bouchard	Project Engineer	✓	Joe Pato	Select Board Chair
	Christian Boutwell	Recreation Committee Vice Chair	✓	David Pinnonnault	Director of Public Works
✓	Don Chilsholm	Assistant Fire Chief	✓	Todd Rhodes	Sustainable Lexington Committee Vice Chair
	Ralph Clifford	Zoning Board of Appeals Chair	✓	Mark Sandeen	Select Board
✓	Mark Connor	Tree Committee Co-Chair		Deepika Sawhney	School Committee Vice Chair
	Frederick DeAngelis	Recreation Committee Chair		Derek Sencabaugh	Fire Chief
	Carolyn Dooley	Campus Monitor	✓	Tom Shiple	Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee
✓	Lisa Giersbach	Permanent Building Committee	✓	Nancy Sofen	Tree Committee
✓	Philip Hamilton	Conservation Commission Chair		Nishanth Veeragandham	Student
	Kristena Hankins	School Resource Officer	✓	Dan Voss	Sustainable Lexington Committee
✓	Jon Himmel	Permanent Building Committee Chair		Lorraine Finnegan	SMMA Project Manager
✓	Wendy Krum	Permanent Building Committee	✓	Matt Rice	SMMA Project Architect
✓	Timothy Lee	Design Advisory Committee Chair	✓	Michael Dowhan	SMMA Landscape Architect
✓	Sheila Page		✓	Erin Prestileo	SMMA Civil Engineer
✓	Susan Barrett	Transportation Services	✓	Brian Black	SMMA Design Architect
✓	Lisa Giersbach		✓	Anoush Krafian	SMMA Asst Project Manager
			✓	Mike Burton	Dore + Whittier
			✓	Christina Dell Angelo	Dore + Whittier

Agenda Item	Description
1.	Introduction: Refer to attendees list.
2.	<p>Please refer to attached presentation for meeting materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project team met with the group for the 3rd time and reviewed the agenda: • Design team will present draft recommendations to be shared to the SBC based on discussions in Meeting #1 and #2. • Focus Group will provide feedback recommendations so they can be shared with the SBX in Meeting #4. • Next Steps <p>The objective of this meeting is to discuss site design for traffic, circulation, safety and security. Includes conversations about parking, driveways and circulation, fields, and offsite improvements and coordination with Town Departments.</p> <p>SMMA presented the excel spreadsheet that reviews all recommendations. Each recommendation will be labeled as “given” (green), “further review” (yellow), and “not recommended” (Red/orange).</p> <p>Balancing Open Campus Tradition with Safety Concerns</p> <p>1-2.</p> <p>K. Lenihan : cannot see continuing to have a campus where non-students can walk into the middle of campus, not just anyone should be able to walk onto campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Not opposed to open campus (students leave campus during break period) <p>M. Connor: Does this mean it has to be one building?</p> <p>K> Lenihan: could have a building with an interior courtyard</p> <p>M. Connor: You're going to lock yourself into one solution with that comment</p> <p>M. Battite: Have we defined what campus is? Right now it's a park with a school on it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Really important for the community to understand what campus means <p>M. Cronin: The interior courtyard need to consider snow removal/lawn mowing access</p> <p>M. Sandeen: How do we allow students to be outside in natural environment not just an interior courtyard</p> <p>3-10. No comment</p> <p>11. No comment</p> <p>Balancing Community Access with Safety Concerns</p> <p>12. V. Leroy: We should be using the language performing arts center rather than the auditorium, the town is looking for a lot more than just a lecture hall</p> <p>13-16. M. Rice: add /field house to gymnasium</p> <p>M. Sandeen: clarify that suggestion is to make access relatively free to visitors t certain</p>

parts of the building
• Reword this to clarify

18. Shift to yellow

Add visitor management system

M. Sandeen: recommend community discussion about upsides/downsides of video surveillance

19. No comment

20. No comment

21-25. No comment

26. No comment

27-28. No comment

Encouraging Multimodal Transportation

29-32.

Comment:

- some of these comments are out of the design team's purview
 - We see these as part of the school project
 - We will be pushing out some of these recommendations to groups with direct purview to these recommendations
 - Off-site improvements are typical for projects of this size
- M. Sandeen: Would like to see a recommendation for provided parking for e-bikes
- Would like to see safe passage for bikes for safe drop off
- K. Lenihan: how is parking for e-bikes different from regular bikes
 - Bigger
 - More expensive
 - Require additional security
 - Require charging

33-34: No comment

35. No comment

36. Need clarification on this comment

37. No comment

38. No comment

39. No comment

Incorporating Green Infrastructure

40. No comment

41. No comment

42. No comment

43. Wants to make sure we want more pervious surfaces Reword recommendation
 44. No comment
 45. No comment

46. M. Sandeen: Should look at building orientation for daylighting as well

47-48.
 • Are we considering batteries for shifting demand consumption?
 • If buses were used as an alternate source from a generator, what is the number of buses we would need? Need to analyze

49. No comment
 50. No comment
 51. No comment
 52. No comment
 53. No comment

54. M. Sandeen: When will we have extensive coordination meetings with Eversource? Needs to be in the not so distant future to understand the landscape of options

55. No comment

56. K.Lenihan: seems like a greater societal issue out of scope of the school building Committee
 M. Rice: some of these recommendations are not finite recommendations
 D. Voss: Can consider something as simple as a more electrified driving fleet
 • Add a comment about net zero being a given

57. No comment
 58. No comment
 59. No comment

Minimizing Disturbance Footprint

60-63.
 K. Lenihan: What is structured parking? Parking covered in building/field/more parking

64. No comment

Managing Parking, Traffic and Circulation

65-66. No comment
 67. The school department is already discussing electrifying LABBB buses
 68. No comment
 69-73. No comment
 74. No comment

75-76. Understand what we mean by term campus

- Referring to parking on other side of field house

77. No comment

78. Tie 76 and 78 together, field use ends up flowing into neighborhoods

79. No comment

80. No comment

Acknowledging that there are Ecologically Valuable Communities on the Site

81-82. No comment

83. No comment

84. No comment

85. No comment

86. No comment

87. No comment

N. Sofen: Would like you to be aware that the top soil in last high school project was substandard, as you're thinking of landscaping, spec soil should improve the current soil

S. Page: TSG is transportation safety group. Asks that TSG be involved as concept plans are developed

- Could more of the stream be daylighted? We are looking into it

J. Himmel:

There needs to be a better way to connect what it is that the town wants to see, how it's delivered, and how it's maintained. Needs to be a better integration of how landscape is done in town.

- We will not install anything that cannot be maintained

- We do not irrigate any off our landscaping

D. Pinnsonnault: Daylighting off brook would have to be coordinated with engineering staff

- When talking about athletic fields, any of drainage from fields has to be factored into plan

- Natural fields will have to be irrigated

P. Moyer: Dedicated group dedicated to using native species

- Wants to make sure that we plant things with a sensitivity to what would have been here if there were no high school

- Create a place that is enjoyable for students to explore

Ensuring Student Safety During Construction

88-91. No comment

M. Rice: note that there are positives to students experiencing construction and there are opportunities for learning

J. Himmel: it would be interesting to know how much space will be dedicated to lay down area

Be cognizant of need for laydown area

L. Giersbach: asked about no irrigation during the planting period

- 1-2 year warranty

Creating a Unique Sense of Place and Site Design Aesthetic that is Grounded in Your Community

92. No comment

93. No comment

94-96.

97. No comment

98. No comment

Emergency Shelter

99.

M. Sandeen: recommends that the design will ensure operations will continue in event of a power outage

100. No comment

101. No comment

102. No comment

Other

103. No comment

104. Shift to yellow

105. No comment

106. No comment

107. No comment

108. No comment

Questions

113. Understanding that there are very few parking spots offered by lottery to students, how does that number modify?

116.

L. Giersbach: often what happens is it's a lot less expensive to replace plants than to water them, so the landscape contractor doesn't have maintenance plan

How do we ensure that plants will be watered and we are really caring for the landscape?

- We water plants through the establishment. Our specifications will include maintenance responsibilities, including watering, of contractor.

- Retainage to be able to get the work done. Built-in backup systems to ensure plants are getting

	<p>established.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specs are so specific that we outline how much water per plant material type per week is required <p>M. Battite: Thinking about connectivity and if park elements are going to be disconnected from school campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need adequate lighting from parks to campus <p>J. Himmel: Because security was coupled with the landscape, discussion tended to be security on outside of building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside access/open campus idea should be a discussion for SBC to understand how we go about dealing with security • Physical layouts that lend themselves to being more/less secure • It's an extremely complicated topic that needs to be tackled at a high level in the next few weeks because it's at the root of the design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you ever seen projects that have a commissioning agent for site work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Have seen it for irrigation ◦ A commissioning agent is a 3rd party entity that comes in to validate the installation and functionality of systems of the building ◦ We can look into it <p>Closing: What to expect in meeting #4: Objective: The four focus groups will reconvene to discuss each group's recommendations</p>
3.	<p>Close</p> <p>The next Site, Safety, and Security focus group meeting will be held on May 16, 2024 via zoom.</p>

Sincerely,

DORE + WHITTIER

Christina Dell Angelo

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Cc: Attendees, File

The above is my summation of our meeting. If you have any additions and/or corrections, please contact me for incorporation into these minutes.