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**TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/  
MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on February 28, 2012. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Louis Gesauldi, and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Also present were Architects Rusty Malik and Tom Arcari, Nick Everett – A.P. Construction, Mike Lynch Board of Education Facilities Director and Town Administrator Karl Kilduff.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Project Update on Board of Education Central Office Phase**

Mr. Malik reported that design development drawing were proceeding and were shared with AP for pricing. He added that the type of boiler was reviewed and the plan still calls for maintaining roof top units. The structural engineer is verifying the roof's ability to handle the weight of the units.

Applications were submitted for the Architectural Review Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Malik stated that the design trades were moving along at different rates, but the goal remains to have 50% complete construction drawings by mid-March.

Mr. Malik reviewed for the Committee the presentation to be given to the Architectural Review Board. He reviewed the site plan with new handicapped ramping and leveling the parking lot and exterior plantings which would be low maintenance. Before and after views were shown of the elevations which included burying currently exposed conduit, removing some HVAC units to the roof and shielding. Signage was also discussed. Mr. Everett stated that AP Construction would have a revised budget in time for the next Committee meeting.

**b) Project Update on Mather Center Phase**

Mr. Arcari noted that design development drawings were in process, however a few items were discovered which he wanted to share with the Committee. First, the size of the building seems slightly larger than the original study. Second, offices for Aging in Place (AIP) were moved to better meet the program needs of this facility user and the senior center. It would be moved to the second floor in the medical screening room. Medical screening would move into a practice room. The original AIP office could be recaptured for general senior center programming. The Committee did not have any concerns with this change.

Mr. Arcari also advised the committee of some potential changes which could result in cost savings to the project. The front canopy was reduced in size to over the entrance only. A curved wall in the lobby area was straightened. A gallery area would be removed and stairs would be put back into the design. This change does not eliminate wall space for display on

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a change in elevation in the building. The lobby was reconfigured to result in more programmable space and a second fireplace is proposed for installation. Some of the current windows were also assessed to keep them in the project rather than replacement.

He added that a bump out exists on the current facade to accommodate a stairwell. While the stair would be abandoned in the design, it also assumed removing the bump out. The project could save money by not changing the face of the building and keeping the bump out.

The multipurpose room needs to respond to a raised concrete pad. It was thought this pad could be removed easily, but it may require underpinning of a column when it is removed.

The Committee discussed the bump out revision. Mr. Arcari noted that he needed to make a submission to ARB and a decision would be needed on the bump out. The Committee decided that to have a special meeting on March 6, 2012 at noon to review the impact of keeping the bump out.

**c) Other Items of Relevance to the Committee**

Ms. Hagerty-Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Gesauldi, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2012. The motion passed with 3 vote and 2 abstentions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Karl F. Kilduff  
Administrative Officer