

Cranston School Buildings Committee  
Conference Room  
July 6, 2016

**Members Present:**

Nick Spolidoro, Chairman, Nick Capezza, Jeanine Nota-Masse, Mario Aceto. Trent Colford, Michael Traficante, Jeff Gale

**Others Present:**

Brad Ripley, Ed Collins, Brian Frigon, Steve Guglielmo

The meeting was called to order at 5: 15 p.m.

Mr. Spolidoro asked for a motion to accept the minutes of June 1, 2016 Mr. Traficante moved to accept, Mr. Aceto seconded. Minutes approved.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Old Business:**

**4. Renovation Bonds**

Mr. Collins stated that the 2.2 million dollar managing loan was approved and this was the last of securing funds for the projects. Mr. Spolidora asked about the funding for the other projects and Mr. Collins stated that the Edgewood Highlands from the energy loan and the school side CIP. Rhodes is being funded by the school CIP and Stone Hill, Glen Hills and Woodridge are being funded by the City's CIP. All projects are reimbursable 50¢ on a dollar other than the energy one.

**5. Renovation of Science Rooms**

Mr. Spolidora asked for a motion to close out the Park View Science Room Renovation. Mr. Ripley stated that this project was complete. **Mr. Capezza made a motion to close out the project , Mrs. Nota-Masse seconded, all were in favor. Park View Renovation was closed.**

**6. CW Career Center – Interior ADA Improvements Project**

Mr. Collins stated that Mr. Ripley did a final walk through and will be submitting a final requisition to release all the money and then we will collect all the waivers when that is done. Mr. Spolidora asked if he wanted to wait to next meeting to close out the project and Mr. Collins stated that was fine.

**7. Edgewood HVAC**

Mr. Guglielmo stated that the project is going very well. He stated that they had a meeting yesterday and that a lot of material has been ordered. He stated that there does not seem to be any hold-ups except for fire code issues in the stairwell that may have to be addressed. Mr. Spolidora asked what the problem with the stairwells was and Mr. Guglielmo stated that it was noted in a report that was done a couple of years ago for RIDE when they did the sprinkler system they addressed a lot of issues with sprinklers but there are still some fire code issues in the building that need to be addressed to meet the fire code. Mr. Collins stated that the walls don't go all the way up and may be looking into putting up a hard ceiling in those areas. Mr. Frigon stated that we would need to have a 1R rating. Mr. Collins still believes that we will still come in at 6-7% on a contingency on a project like this.

## **8. Stone Hill/Glen Hills/Woodridge/Rhodes Fire System**

Mr. Collins stated that all buildings were cleared and all the demo was done. Have started roughing in the fire system and the sprinkler people should be showing up at all three buildings by the end of this week or the beginning of next. He stated that they were fully on schedule and projects are where they are supposed to be. At Rhodes, the roughing is done on the top floor and the bottom floor and project is also on schedule.

## **9. Cranston High School West Roof**

Mr. Guglielmo stated that the project was started and that he finally received a schedule. He stated that it was not the schedule they expected and that there was still some information missing. He sent the schedule back for the company to revise. He stated that things were being done out of sequence and that they were to start the "B" wing before the gym and that they were jumping around. The company stated that they did have their asbestos person on board due to his having a previous job he needed to complete and this in turn delayed them. They had started to move some gravel and were told to stop because there were asbestos fibers in it and should not be touched. Even though it was a rocky start, Mr. Guglielmo stated that they have a representative from the roofing company on the job every day giving field reports. The project is moving along. Mr. Collins stated that when doing abatement work you have to submit a notice to the Department of Health within ten days. This was not done and you cannot start an abatement until this is done. Mr. Collins stated that the school department found them an abatement contractor that would come and do the work. Mr. Spolidora asked if we were still on schedule and Mr. Collins felt that we should be. He also stated that the abatement would be about a week's work. Mrs. Nota-Masse stated that she was very concerned about them not completing on time and if that were the case she would not be able to open the high school. She stated that this committee needed to stay on top of this to guarantee a September 1 opening of school and also stated that she can open a school without a gym as students can go out into the field but cannot have them in the "B" wing while construction is going on. Mr. Gale stated that he too was concerned about this. Mr. Frigon stated that he was out there today and they have their edge blocking going in and were about 65% done. There was more discussion regarding the schedule and work that was being done. Mr. Traficante asked how long does it take to revise a schedule and Mrs. Nota Masse felt that they have no sense of urgency in regard to our request for a schedule. Mr. Guglielmo stated that he has been asking for weeks for a revised schedule and when he did receive it, it was wrong and he asked him to revise it. Mr. Traficante asked what do we need to do to work with this contractor. Mr. Guglielmo stated that he tried to have a meeting with him and they come in and "yes" you to death and then leave with nothing resolved. Mr. Spolidora asked if a letter from this committee should be sent to the contractor. Mr. Traficante stated that the letter should come from the School Buildings Committee with a copy to the mayor as well. It was stated that the city has been made aware. Mr. Collins stated that they could draft up a letter, send it out to the committee. Mr. Spolidora asked for a motion to have Mr. Collins compose a letter that we will all see and approve, Mrs. Nota-Masse moved to accept and Mr. Traficante seconded, all were in favor. Mr. Capezza stated that Eagle Cornice has been around a long time and has done a lot of work for the city and according to their track record have completed everything on time. Mr. Capezza did agree that the letter should go out, but stated that we were only two weeks out of school and should not be panicking at this stage. Mr. Collins stated that it was more a frustration as we go days without a response. Mr. Guglielmo stated that basically the letter would be to put them on notice to follow the rules, they need to follow the specifications and that they can't do whatever they want to do. They need to tell us when they are doing something so we can set up our inspections to inspect the more important things that are going on. He stated that we can't be out there every day and we can't guess what days they are going to be doing things that is why it is important to have the schedule. We still don't have anything from them that even resembles a schedule. Mr. Guglielmo stated that he feels they will get the project done but will not meet the original July 30 deadline and did not know how that would impact

on putting up the solar panels. Mrs. Nota-Masse asked if we could lose the grant for the solar panels if we don't meet that timeline and Mr. Collins stated that he believed the extension was to September and that he has been in contact with the solar panel company keeping them up to date as to what is going on. Mr. Spolidora stated that once he hears from everyone on the committee regarding the letter to be sent to Eagle Cornice, the letter will be mailed with a copy to the mayor. There was no further discussion.

### **Other Business**

There was no further business. Mr. Spolidoro asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Traficante moved to adjourn and Mrs. Nota-Masse seconded.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the Briggs Conference Room. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Margie Chapman*

Recording Secretary