

# **Central Falls School District Building Committee**

**November 8, 2011**

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

**A meeting of the Central Falls Schools Building Committee was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in the Central Falls High School Library.**

**At 1:03 PM, Frances Gallo, Superintendent of Central Falls Schools, called the meeting to order.**

### **Committee Members:**

**Frances Gallo P Other attendees present were:**

**Giovanna Venditti P Jim Smith**

**Kathy Gaouette P Ed Lupinek**

**Marie Twohey P David Odeh and associate**

**Lynda Dykeman P Mario Papitto**

**Joe Nield P John Garvey**

**Todd Olbrych P**

**Joe Matarese**

**Ed Vandette P**

**Sonia Rodrigues A**

**Anna Cano-Morales A**

**Given the emergency nature of the Feinstein Building and with the engineers present, the committee began this meeting with a discussion of the initial findings of the investigation of the condition**

**of the columns in the basement and their effects on the stability of the building as a whole.**

**Pictures were shared. It was established that the waves in the floor were solid concrete. Areas of the basement, ceilings and floors up to the third level were opened by construction crews and the engineers were able to note several issues. The biggest concern was noticed at the third floor level where there is about an 8 inch shift or dip in the floor. Mr. Odeh explained the dramatic need for shoring up the entire set of columns before any full engineering report can be generated. These safety measures will ensure the safety of the engineers as they continue their investigation.**

**A discussion of the costs of shoring using rental equipment or timber took place. The costs to shore and to complete the remaining demolition to open holes for a full sight investigation were estimated at \$34,052 using rental equipment. The consensus was that permanent timber would be more expensive; however, in an effort to save time, the committee decided to estimate the costs for a year or so and sought a motion to approve the work and material in order to obtain a full engineering report over the course of the next three weeks or so.**

**A motion to approve the cost of shoring and additional demolition for study not to exceed \$42,052 and subject to legal review and approval of this expenditure was made by Mr. Vandette, seconded by Mr.**

**Olbrych and approved. (8,0)**

**The minutes of the meetings of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Mr. Olbrych seconded by, Mr. Vandette. (8 approved, 0 opposed)**

**Mr. Lupinek reported that Project I is nearly closed out. He expects a final review meeting on November 15th at 10 AM.**

**Project II is on track as previously described. Mr. Vandette was instructed to contact the gas company in order to shut it off given the work that needed to be done. This includes confirming with the gas company that everything has been shut off on Thursday night.**

**Bills:**

**Three bills were submitted:**

**\$1,599.04 JAED on-going work**

**\$2,500 S. Turner additional reviews for the new project**

**\$1,518.75 ANC Consultants for continued services**

**A motion to approve payment of the three bills was made by Ms. Venditti, seconded by Ms. Twohey.**

**Motion carried. (8,0)**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Venditti, seconded by Mr. Nield. The motion was unanimously approved. (8,0)**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.**