

Town of Freetown Police Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2017

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A meeting of the Police Sub-Committee was held on Thursday, August 24, 2017, at the Council on Aging, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown. Present: Chairman Lisa Pacheco, Mark Fornaciari, Chief Carlton Abbott, Benjamin Levesque, Mary Rezendes Brown, Charles Sullivan, Robert Jose and Paul Sadeck. Also present: Taylor MacDonald and Rick Pomroy of Pomroy Associates (PA), and Andy Digiammo of Compass Group Associates (CGA). The meeting was recorded by by FREECAM.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chairman Pacheco. She turns the meeting over to Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Digiammo.

Mr. Macdonald says PA received all the site evaluation materials from Kelly Engineering today, including the location of area wells, which is good news.

Mr. Digiammo has made the requested changes to the ground plan from the last meeting. In addition to those changes, he has rotated the sally port and detention area by 90°, to make better use of the site, and he has changed the location of overflow parking to separate it from the police driveway. The overflow parking is now situated between the building and Memorial Drive, which leaves the downslope area of the site open for any future use. Mr. Macdonald notes that the retaining walls being higher now, asking if there are still savings using the attic concept. Mr. Digiammo says retaining walls are going to be needed either way.

Mr. Digiammo goes over the first floor ground plan, which remains similar to last meeting. Detention has been rotated ninety degrees, which allows for better segregation and support of the attic space. This area would be built from concrete block with concrete plank above, to support vehicle storage in the attic space and to take attic noise into account. Mr. Digiammo has included the status offender room, as requested. Mr. Pomroy asks about evidence and evidence processing, Chief Abbott says the way Mr. Digiammo has set it up is satisfactory. Mr. Digiammo will make the requested changes. Discussion is held on how necessary the front desk is; Mr. Jose says you wouldn't want to hire additional staff just to man a desk because it is there. Mr. Pomroy says blind spots in the public library need to be addressed by moving doors. Discussion is held on how the status offender room would be monitored and by whom; Sgt. Levesque says it may be a situation where we need to be in the space to really figure out. The Committee likes how flexible the ground plan is, allowing for plenty of changes.

Mr. Digiammo goes over the second floor/attic ground plan. The IT workroom, server area and mechanical area are all on the second level, which can be locked off from the rest of the station if a vendor or technician is needed for maintenance. Fitness and locker rooms are also on the second level, along with storage and room for future expansion. Chief Abbott has concerns about vehicles on the second floor; Mr. Digiammo says that is all addressed in the architecture. Mr. Jose says floor drains would be necessary; Mr. Digiammo says plumbing for that would be between the two levels. Mr. Digiammo says they are going to develop the auxiliary building alongside the attic concept to determine the associated cost, we can decide that later on. Discussion is held about the size and location of the locker rooms. The Committee decides it would be best to place both locker rooms next to the expansion space, in case that

it necessary. Mr. Macdonald suggests someone in the police department start thinking about the fitness equipment, to see what will fit and the power requirement. Mr. Digiammo will re-work the attic space.

Mr. Digiammo estimates that he's at 13,500 sq. ft. downstairs and just under 3,000 upstairs, approximately 17,000 square feet in total after efficiencies. He believes he can cut 500 square feet off right now with some redrawing, as this is just the first step off a schematic diagram. Ms. Pacheco says 16,500 sq. feet sounds much better than 17,000 sq. feet.

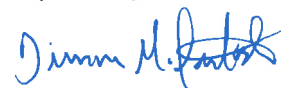
The committee takes a look at 3D renderings of the project from assorted angles as prepared by CGA. Mr. Digiammo says you don't want to have tall walls or an imposing structure, but you want it to be strong. Mr. Macdonald asks if Mr. Digiammo thought about dormers to break up the roof a bit; Mr. Digiammo talks about how dormers aren't a good idea as they are expensive, cause ice dams and a bad connection. Ms. Pacheco asks how snow and ice would be dealt with on the roof. Mr. Digiammo says ice is formed by a poor envelope, which you don't have here. They'll install snow stops where needed to prevent sliding. Mr. Digiammo has also included rooftop solar panels in his renderings.

Mr. Digiammo says this is as far as he feels comfortable going without seeing the site evaluation, which was just received today. He can start doing that at this point, as well as meeting with the civil engineers. In two weeks, he can have a revised groundplan ready for the committee, but site work would be lacking. After the final tweaks are made, we can start looking at furniture vendors. The Committee will next meet on September 7th.

Mr. Macdonald received a quote on a radio propagation study that he will distribute for the Police Department to look at. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

At 7:30pm, motion (Jose/Rezendes Brown) to adjourn, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Timm McIntosh, Senior Clerk