

 **MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Attendees

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PROJECT: Dudley Square Police Station - 0704.00

VIA: (Two Pages)

REGARDING: 5.21.08 Area B-2 Police Station Advisory Council Meeting

MEMO: **Attendees:**

Pat Brophy- Assistant Director For Operations Capital Construction Division
Tom Leahy, Project Manager-Property and Construction Management Department
Maureen Anderson, Sr.Project Manager-Property and Construction Management Department
Mark Lynch, Director of Facilities, Boston Police Department
Keith Williams, Coordinator, MONS
Josiah Stevenson, Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Natasha Espada, Leers Weinzapfel Associates

A meeting with the Advisory Council was held . The following items are a record of items discussed.

- Pat Brophy discussed the project and noted that a meeting would be scheduled within 2-3 weeks to discuss the design progress. He also noted that it is important for community input on the project.
- Maureen Anderson presented the scope of the project, a 31,600 sf LEED Silver Certified Police Station with 75 parking spaces, and stated that a programming study had been created by Donham and Sweeney. The programming study is based on the D-4 Police Station model and adjusted for Boston Police operational requirements.
- Tom Leahy discussed the schedule of the project which will be bid in the spring of 2009 and completed in the Fall of 2010. He also noted that the BRA will be cleaning up the site and the cost of construction is \$15M-\$17M. The city confirmed that money has been appropriated for the project. This project will not have to go through BRA review. PCMD will review with architects and engineers AC concerns with jobs for all local residents. PCMD has strict enforcement of City of Boston jobs policy.
- Leers Weinzapfel presented public projects the firm has designed for the City of Boston, including the South Boston Police Station and the Roslindale Community Center, and the analysis of the site conditions and program analysis for the police station. The new B-2 Police Station will be a three story masonry and glass building which will be open and friendly to the community. The public areas consist of a Public Lobby and Community Room on the second level overlooking Dudley Square. The siting of the building is informed by the pedestrian and vehicular access to the site, police access, and presence and views from Dudley Square.

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- Joyce Stanley expressed concern about the lack of parking in the area. It was noted that Jamaica Plain has a “park and ride” and Dudley Square/Roxbury needs a “park and ride”. The parking for the new police station was discussed. All are concerned that if the police park on the street, it will create a negative impact on Dudley Square. It was noted that LWA is working with a traffic engineer to discuss traffic flow and parking. The council also discussed the parking conditions at Police Headquarters and Mark Lynch noted that a study to review a parking garage next to headquarters is in the FY09 budget.
- Sarah Anne Shaw expressed concern about the conditions of the library and the existing B-2 station when the new police station is built. She also recommends that the size of the Community Room be reviewed to accommodate 75-100 people in lieu of the 50 stated in the program.
- Joyce Stanley inquired about a community partnership that would take care of the plaza. The current upper plaza and stairs are underused and not maintained.
- Members of the council requested the subcommittee list be revised to reflect all council members and update information. They also inquired about how the rest of the community would be connected with the project. Donovan Walker noted that the Advisory Council will be providing monthly newsletters to the community. Pat Brophy noted that the BRA will provide information on the project on their website and there will be community presentations. A project notebook will be kept in the library.
- Joyce Stanley indicated that there is a perception that the Police are afraid of the community. Donovan Walker questioned the openness of the lobby spaces and if the amount of glass partitions in the lobby. Mark Lynch noted that the front desk will be open and welcoming, similar to a bank.
- Ron Gary inquired about a programmed space where the youth and the police can engage each other. Mark Lynch noted that there is a basketball court next to the D-4 Station and the community room can be flexible in its programming.
- Joyce Stanley noted her desire that the new Police Station be sensitive to its context and not resemble a “spaceship”. There was also a discussion about the exterior materials for the Police Station and the community prefers stone; limestone, marble, sandstone. Joyce Stanley is also concerned about the residual space on the site until future development is built. Maureen Anderson noted that, in the past, PFD projects have been a catalyst for redevelopment.
- Pat Brophy and the Police Department scheduled a tour of the D-4 police station for Wednesday, June 4 at 1:00pm.
- Advisory Council Members will coordinate with Dana Whiteside from the BRA on the Dudley Vision subcommittee process and will set up a meeting time for the Advisory Council to organize the group.
- All concurred that an agenda for the next meeting would be sent prior to the meeting.

The foregoing constitutes an understanding of matters observed. Participants are requested to review these items and advise in writing of any errors or omissions within two weeks from the distribution date. If no comments are received, we shall assume concurrence.