


Newton Center for Active Living (NewCAL) project

NewCAL Working Group Meeting					
Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2020					
Date: Zoom Meeting (online)					
Time: 9:30 AM					
Attendees:					
Working Group		Present	City Staff		Present
Sandra Butzel	<i>Community Member</i>	---	Jonathan Yeo	<i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	√
Bea Goldsmith	<i>Community Member</i>	---	Seth Bai	<i>Veteran's Services</i>	---
Brooke Lipsitt	<i>Community Member</i>	√	Devra Bailin	<i>Planning</i>	---
Norm Meltz	<i>COA Member</i>	√	Amanda Berman	<i>Planning</i>	---
Jack Neville	<i>P&R Commission</i>	√	Ellen Ishkanian	<i>Mayor's Office</i>	---
Richard Rasala	<i>Community Member</i>	√	Zachery LeMel	<i>Planning</i>	---
Sue Rasala	<i>COA Member</i>	√	Thomas Rooney	<i>Public Buildings</i>	---
John Rice	<i>Community Member</i>	√	Rachel Sherman	<i>City IT</i>	---
Susan Albright	<i>City Councilor</i>	√	Linda Walsh	<i>Public Health</i>	---
Nicole Banks	<i>P&R Commissioner</i>	---	Deb Youngblood	<i>Health/Human Services</i>	---
Jayne Colino	<i>Senior Services Dir.</i>	√			
Jini Fairley	<i>ADA Coordinator</i>	√	Consultants		
Barney Heath	<i>Planning Director</i>	---	Tom Murphy	<i>NV5</i>	---
Maureen Lemieux	<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	---	Melissa Gagnon	<i>NV5</i>	√
Josh Morse	<i>Public Buildings Comm.</i>	√	Joel Bargmann	<i>BH+A</i>	√
Nancy Scammon	<i>P&R Department</i>	√	James Bruneau	<i>BH+A</i>	√
Alex Valcarce	<i>Public Buildings</i>	√	Dan Chen	<i>BH+A</i>	√

Alex Valcarce (Newton Public Buildings) opened up the online Zoom meeting at 9:30AM.

The intent of this meeting was to review the presentation for the Community meeting this evening.

The adaptive reuse design has been revised in response to the strong recommendation by the DRC to locate an accessible entrance closer to Highland Avenue and parking as well as to locate a ramp inside the

building. Per the current design, there is 16000SF of contiguous usable program area on the first floor level. The primary difference between the adaptive reuse and new construction design approaches is that the main level program, entry and parking are all at grade in the new construction approach.

Presentation review: Whereas the City seal is in the process of redesign, the cover slide shall be revised with the seal less prominent. Titles and footers of the two design approaches shall be revised to remove "Option #." The text label "Library" shall be changed to "Activity."

Multipurpose activity spaces are not specifically labeled for a specific program use as they are designed for flexibility.

Pros and cons of the two design approaches will be verbally presented.

Schedule slide should be presented to show process.

NV5 shall follow up with the Newtonville Area Council to ensure notification was received re: tonight's meeting.

With regard to the adaptive reuse approach, it is important to understand that only the building exterior will be preserved, as the majority of the interior will be gutted, leaving only select interior features to be salvaged and repurposed. Windows will need to be replaced.

Ultimately the Working Group will make a recommendation to the Mayor whether to renovate or to build new, followed by the Mayor's recommendation to City Council. A Feasibility Study Report will be presented as part of the recommendation process.

BH+A will have preliminary cost estimates prepared for the next Working Group meeting on 1/19.

Additional Upcoming Meetings (all online with remote participation via Zoom):

- ~~01/14/21~~ DRC Meeting (postponed to 2/10/21)
- 01/19/21 Working Group meeting
- 01/26/21 Council on Aging meeting

Melissa G shall coordinate with Alex and Jayne and distribute Zoom info for all meetings noted, as it becomes available.

NV5 shall send out notices to the WG of any additional upcoming meetings relative to this project.