

Newton Center for Active Living (NewCAL) project

| NewCAL Working Group Meeting | | | | | |
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| Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 | | | | | |
| Date: Zoom Meeting (online) | | | | | |
| Time: 9:30 AM | | | | | |
| Attendees: | | | | | |
| Working Group | | Present | City Staff | | Present |
| Susan Albright | City Councilor | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jonathan Yeo | Chief Operating Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nicole Banks | P&R Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seth Bai | Veteran's Services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sandra Butzel | Community Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | Devra Bailin | Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jayne Colino | Senior Services Dir. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Amanda Berman | Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jini Fairley | ADA Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ellen Ishkanian | Mayor's Office | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bea Goldsmith | Community Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | Zachery LeMel | Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Barney Heath | Planning Director | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thomas Rooney | Public Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joan Belle Isle | COA Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Rachel Sherman | City IT | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Maureen Lemieux | Chief Financial Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Linda Walsh | Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brooke Lipsitt | Community Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Deb Youngblood | Health/Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Norm Meltz | COA Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Josh Morse | Public Buildings Comm. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Consultants | | |
| Jack Neville | P&R Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tom Murphy | NV5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Richard Rasala | Community Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | Melissa Gagnon | NV5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sue Rasala | COA Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Joel Bargmann | BH+A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| John Rice | Community Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jennifer Bentley | BH+A | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nancy Scammon | P&R Department | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dan Chen | BH+A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Alex Valcarce | Public Buildings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Glen Daly | BH+A | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

The intent of this meeting is to recap meetings which recently took place with the Community, Council on Aging and the City Council Public Facilities and Programs and Services. It was noted that based on

overwhelming support of the design progress to date, the project team is continuing to move forward with refining the design and continuing to take feedback from various committees and councils.

Meetings are scheduled with the Design Review Committee (DRC) on 10/13 at 6:00PM as well as with the Design Review Team (DRT) on 10/21 at 10:40AM.

Discussion was focused on reviewing various options to cover the large 2400SF third floor roof deck as well as review of updated floor plans. 3-D images were presented for the following roof coverage options:

- Solid roof - outdoor room – space below becomes integrated with building
Concern noted that natural light into programming area may be diminished
- Solar panels - free standing shading structure – affords opportunity for additional solar panels
Careful consideration will need to be given to column placement of columns, to not impact use of deck space. Sunlight would be filtered.
- Trellis structure – creates visual interest and provides shading - creates a semi-open space – laser cut or steel
Trellis would provide shade while allowing light to filter through and into adjacent spaces. Columns will need to be carefully coordinated to not impact use of deck space.
- Tensile canopy – visual interest – semi-permanent
Option to retract and expand should be studied. Can block sunlight. Allows for two-story option to be present along Walnut Street. Provides shade and natural light to enter the 3rd floor spaces.
Does not fit with building style.
Durability could be an issue during winter months.
All other options appear as three stories from Walnut Street. Canopy could add drama and interest.
Canopy could be powered or manually operated.
Concern noted about useful life of a tensile canopy
May not be the best solution for this project

Additional points were noted with regard to design for deck coverage:

- Deck space should be protected from weather for scheduled programming activities
- Columns should not interfere with programming
- Furniture should be lightweight and movable
- Northern corner will be a prime location, the central and southern sections should be covered

Deck roof coverage will continue to be evaluated in terms of three zones:

- Northern corner, overlooking Walnut Street and Highland Avenue, adjacent to game room
- Central location, near elevator lobby, across from walking track entrance
- Adjacent to fitness center

Some highlights of floor plans were noted:

- Entrance canopy has been extended
- Increases storage on 2nd floor
- Storage cubbies at entrance to walking track

Additional points were noted as points for consideration:

The City would consider incorporating a solar car port to help bring the building closer to net zero.

The intent of the Design Review Committee (DRC) meeting tomorrow evening, 10/13, is to ensure the design is moving in the right direction and that it is still representative of the building program.

A presentation will need to be distributed by the Friday, 10/15, in preparation for the Commission on Disability (COD) meeting next Monday, 10/18. In anticipation of an elevator discussion BH+A noted that many similarly programmed buildings have one elevator particularly senior center facilities in Needham, Falmouth and Randolph, all designed by BH+A. It was noted that the type of traction elevator is very dependable and if needed, maintenance can be done during off hours. It was noted that a second elevator would increase cost and take up valuable SF. Documentation in support of one elevator will be prepared as part of the upcoming COD presentation.

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

- 10/13/21 Design Review Committee Meeting – 6:00PM
- 10/18/21 Commission on Disability – 6:30PM
- 10/21/21 Design Review Team – 10:40AM
- 10/21/21 Community Update Meeting – 6:30PM
- 10/26/21 Working Group Meeting – 9:30AM

NV5 shall coordinate with the City of Newton in distributing Zoom info for all meetings noted.