

Meeting Minutes Committee on General Government

November 2, 2023

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Meeting Recording:

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Members

Cllr. Heather Shand, Chair
Cllr. Bruce Vogel, At-large
Cllr. Byron Lane, Ward 6

Other Participants

Cllr. Jim McCauley, Ward 5
Dir. Wayne Amaral (DPS)

Agenda

- ODNC00146 Amend Ch 2-34 Responsibilities of Committee on Community Services
- COMM00461 Brown School Gymnasium Considerations (COTW)
- COMM00468 Brown School Proposal (COTW)
- COMM00506 Memo Brown School EOIs (COTW)

Meeting started at 6:00

ODNC00146 was discussed. Director Amaral spoke to it and stated he had no issues. Parks is integrating well into DPS.

Cllr. Vogel moves to approve, Cllr. Lane is the second. Committee votes 3-0 to approve.

The remaining Brown School communications are taken up as a group.

Director Port spoke to some of the questions in COMM461. Committee agrees to keep this in committee as Dir. Port helps answer the remaining questions.

The committee discusses the EOIs and the communication submitted by Cllr. McCauley regarding the Brown School Gym and School.

Director Port speaks to funding possibilities including grants the city could get to support the reuse. Committee discusses what cost estimates had been provided to date on reactivation of the gym and agree to support the administration in an RFP to get real costs for gym reactivation and school options.

Nat Kaufmann, Bromfield Street, spoke to what the Y's responses were regarding the larger number of units and putting parking underneath. Also spoke to how larger projects get funding from the state.

Committee voted 3-0, BV Moved and BL 2nd to R&F Communication 506.

Committee keeps COMM468 in committee as it is still active.

Public Comment

1. Richard Lodge, 15 Hancock Street
 - a. The Brown School was a school and now it's used for parking in the winter months
 - b. Why is the gym still the focus and not affordable housing
2. Jane Snow, 9 Coffin Street

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- a. Speaks to the Housing Production Plan
- b. Asked us to do more homework

Committee votes to adjourn 3-0