

Sprague Field Task Force Meeting – March 5, 2008

Wellesley High School Library

SFTF Members Present: Chris Guiffre, Bill Charlton, Carl Fleischer, Donna Dankner, Richard Morse, Mike Urban, Todd Himstead, Curt Smith, Barbara McMahon, Tom Harrington, Greg Mills, Suzy Littlefield, Tom Brown, Jane Neilson

Guests: Tom Henaghen, Gale Associates; Marijane Tuohy, Advisory; Mike Pakstis, DPW; Carol Gregory, Asst. Superintendent WPS; Bob Dankner, WMS faculty

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

The minutes of the February 27, 2008 meeting were approved with minor changes.

There was no update from the CPC at this time.

Mr. Himstead, Mrs. Neilson and Mrs. Dankner gave an update on a meeting held to discuss the impact of the proposed master plan on traffic and parking issues at Sprague School as well as on the Kindergarten Meadow. They reported that there is some resistance on the part of Central Administration to moving the school vans out of the Sprague parking lot so the school could regain those 14 parking spaces. They will continue to work on moving the vans. The Sprague community is concerned about eliminating the parallel parking spaces currently located along the driveway. Mrs. Dankner agreed to forward the Sprague School handbook outlining drop-off/pick-up procedures and parking regulations. It was agreed that the car line will continue to move “British style.”; it was also agreed to widen the driveway to accommodate six parking spaces; and subject to further discussion with the Science Coordinator and members of the Sprague community, the Kindergarten Meadow will be moved behind the garage.

The group then returned to a review of the draft master plan document. A number of edits were made. The document will be revised and re-circulated to the group.

Tom Henaghen from Gale Associates then engaged the group in a discussion of the bid documents. There was some discussion as to the specification for experience on the part of the installer given the new ground being broken in New England with TPE. There was also a discussion regarding the bid specification for the TPE infill. This led to a conversation about the fiber height of the turf carpet and how that can also affect the infill and how much infill is used and the mix with sand. Mr. Henaghen reminded the group of the difficulty in writing bid specifications and the requirements of the public bidding process, pointing out that writing on bid spec for multiple possible products can open up the floodgate of options that will then have to be considered. It was agreed that a meeting would be held on Monday, March 10, to discuss further the bid specifications.

Mr. Guiffre reminded the group to forward any questions or issues that needed to be addressed in the presentation to Town Meeting to Barbara McMahon as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.