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Penfield Pavilion Building Committee
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
6:00 p.m.
First Floor Conference Room
Sullivan Independence Hall

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Members Present: Mr. Gallagher, , Mr. Galle, Mr. Convertito, Mr. Jones, Ms. Crowley, Ms. Dyer, Mr. Plotkin

Members Absent: Mr. Kelly, Mr. Pesci, Mr. Tanguay

Others Present: Mr. White, Mr. Wiles, Mr. Jobst

I. Call To Order

Mr. Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Plotkin made a motion to approve the Dec. 14, 2009 meeting minutes. Ms. Dyer seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

III. Discussion and Decision of Conceptual Designs, including Decks and Lockers

Mr. Gallagher asked the Committee to discuss the incorporation of additional lockers in the new, west wing facility or use the same footprint and put in a larger deck area. Mr. Gallagher said that he spoke to 15 people and the majority of them wanted more deck space. Mr. Plotkin said that he felt more lockers should not be added. Ms. Dyer and Mr. Jones said they felt the same way. Mr. Galle said that he spoke to a lot of people and got the same feedback as Mr. Gallagher, that is, they wanted more deck space. Ms. Crowley said she wants the same footprint so that the Pavilion could hold 225 people when rented. She said that there was a need for space between the buffet, entertainment and dance area. She also pointed out that for the past 100 years, the Pavilion served as a tidal wall and she was concerned about keeping the berm. Ms. Crowley said that the Committee needed to consider the neighborhood because whatever is done affects 1,500 homes. She said she felt that maintaining interior space was more important than deck space. Mr. Convertito said that he thought that the public wanted additional lockers but pointed out that no members of the public showed up for this meeting to express that point of view. Mr. Jones said that lockers would benefit only 50 families. Ms. Crowley said that she thought that the people who wanted more lockers were people who already had them. Mr. Gallagher said the size of the building should be addressed. He asked the architect, George Wiles, if the new building would be designed to accommodate 223 people. Mr. Wiles said it would be designed to hold 178 people in the gathering room and 73 people on the deck. Mr. Plotkin asked about the sq. footage. Mr. Wiles said it would be 2,700 sq. ft., and sized at approximately 45 feet X 60 feet. Mr. Wiles said the gathering room would be the same size as an elementary school multipurpose room. He said the seating number is based on sq. footage and the fire code. Mr. Wiles said that there will be one point of entrance into the lockers and people would have access to the beach if people were in the gathering room. He said the First Selectman had indicated that the new structure should replicate the existing structure as closely as possible. Mr. Wiles said that the new design is geometrically a better shape with better circulation. The former posted capacity of 225 is not accurate and the new facility will accommodate as many, if not more occupants. Ms. Dyer asked what the difference

is between schematic 12 and 12.1. Mr. Wiles said the concession stand was shifted up in version 12.1.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to give direction to the architect to proceed with the plans without inclusion of any lockers on the west side of the building. Mr. Plotkin seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Convertito said that the Committee discussed the lockers and decided that the cost benefit was not worth going forward on it. Ms. Dyer said that the plans without the additional lockers benefit the public and it is not just about cost. No further discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gallagher asked about the berm. Mr. White said the berm is going to stay and that extending the deck won't affect the berm. The town is very conscious of the protection provided by the berm and there are no plans to remove, or otherwise modify it. Mr. Wiles said that not touching the berm is the goal. Ms. Crowley asked if they were going to use new or old footings. Mr. Wiles said that there are no existing footings. Mr. Gallagher asked if there will be access under the building. Mr. Wiles said that there will be access under the building for mechanical and structural access.

Mr. Wiles said that now that he has direction, he will meet with Mr. Lombardo and Mr. White concerning the plans.

IV. Public Comment
No public comment.

V. New Business
The Committee discussed the time for future meetings. It was decided that future meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Jan. 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

VI. Adjourn
Ms. Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Convertito seconded the motion. Mr. Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m