

JONATHAN LAW & FRENCH DRIVE TURF FIELDS
BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING
APRIL 23, 2020

The Jonathan Law & French Drive Turf Fields Building Committee held a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020 via Zoom. Chairman Jagoe called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

James Richetelli, Operations Director, provided

I. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

R. Jagoe
D. Maxwell
B. Young

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin Blake
Chris Saley, Public Works Dir.
Bill Garfield, Recreation Dept.
Jim Richetelli, BOE
Pat Bradbury, BOE
V.J. Sarullo, BOE
Anthony Vitelli, BOE
Justin Rosen, Chief of Staff
Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney
Jesse Harris, BSC Group
Michael Kuchman, BSC Group
Kurt Prochorena, BSC Group

II. Consideration of Minutes of March 16, 2020 Meeting.

Chairman Jagoe and Mr. Maxwell made and second a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2020. , Motion carried unanimously.

III. Update on project and kick-off discussion with the project design firm, BSC Group.

Chairman Jagoe introduced panel from BSC Group to discuss how the project is proceeding. Jesse Harris of BSC group, joined by Michael Kuchman and Kurt Prochorena discussed PDF packet that was provided to the committee. Mobilized survey crews approximately 95% complete with field work and drafting. Ready to move forward with designing project and keep moving forward. Almost ready to mobilize geotechnical on Kelly Tighe field. Today's meeting is to listen to users of fields to understands needs and desires. The purpose is a listening session for BSC. Discussion ensued concerning the Jonathan Law and French Drive Fields concerning the design and placement of fields.

Jonathan Law Fields - Chairman Jagoe asked if a practice field could be included at Jonathan Law. Mr. Harris stated if the field is to be reoriented a multipurpose field would be ideal. Mr. Sarullo discussed scoreboards and their usage by various teams. He stated if there is money left

in the project for scoreboards that would be ideal. Mayor Blake stated the conduit and underground infrastructure to support the scoreboards should be included. Mr. Harris asked current equipment should be used or add alternate for new. Mr. Sarullo stated best scenario is to replace both batting cages if funds are available. He further stated that bull pens should be constructed at both facilities. Discussion ensued concerning the size of the outfields. Chairman Jagoe asked if a drinking fountain would be requested. Mr. Sarullo said at this point he does not see the need. Mayor Blake suggested running the water lines so if required at some later date the infrastructure is there. Mr. Harris stated water is good for maintenance activities. Mr. Sarullo stated he will be visiting schools that have multi-purpose field. Mayor Blake discussed terrace seating and asked if a preliminary design is available for review. Mr. Harris stated not at this time. Mayor Blake asked for a design next meeting shifting field counterclockwise and showing terrace seating. Mr. Sarullo stated high jump area may have to be relocated. Mr. Harris stated moving the high jump pad would be a low cost option. Mayor Blake asked about a portable or permanent mound. Mr. Harris stated portable mounds or permanent mounds can be used. Mr. Sarullo stated a permanent mound would be preferable. Mr. Maxwell discussed the advantages to a permanent concrete mound. Mr. Bradbury asked about a press box or sound system for baseball field. Mr. Sarullo stated they have discussed adding to both fields and suggested an add on. He stated a press box with storage would be preferable. Mr. Saley stated some of the concerns is doing demo and rough grading outside the contract and start now. He also asked if materials should be tested before disposed. Mr. Sarullo stated that Spring sports have not yet been cancelled. Chairman Jagoe stated a design should be in place before work begins. Mayor Blake stated he agrees with Chairman Jagoe. Mr. Harris stated the soil is being tested from a geotechnical standpoint.

French Drive Fields – Chairman Jagoe asked the size of the soccer fields. Mr. Harris stated there are two 55 x 120 soccer fields and one 90' baseball field. He discussed the wetlands on the site. Mr. Vitelli stated the number one problem at the school is parking so losing parking spaces would be an issue for hosting graduation and football games. Mr. Harris stated design contemplates losing 7 parallel parking spaces. Mr., Harris asked if this is just recreation leagues or high school play. Chairman Jagoe asked about realigning the fields to all a larger field in the center. Mr. Vitelli stated 55 would be difficult to play high school soccer. Mr. Harris stated a 60 or larger field could overlay in the center. Mr. Young stated a larger field would be referred overplayed to accommodate high school play. Mr. Harris there could be a wetlands impact depending on field size. Chairman Jagoe asked if the field at the bottom is 55 instead of 60 would it help with wetland impact and overlay a 60 field. Mr. Young stated 70 x 120 would be ideal. Mayor Blake raised concerns about lining with fields going opposite directions. Mr. Harris reviewed an option for one large soccer field and baseball field. Mr. Harris shared a schematic showing the different layout with lining and discussed options for lining fields. Mr. Harris asked if dugouts and bleachers are desired for the baseball field. Mr. Vitelli state the baseball field would be a practice field and recreation field. Mr. Maxwell asked about fence dugouts in lieu of concrete dugouts. Mr. Harris stated it is more about location at this point. Mr. Maxwell asked about moving the baseball field to avoid balls on French Drive. Mr. Harris discussed track event issues on turf fields. Chairman Jagoe asked if they could be shown on a grassy area. Mr. Harris stated it could be done but might mean only one larger soccer field. He stated the runway for javelin is easy, the issue will be the landing. Mr. Vitelli stated the issue also is that every team they play may not play on turf. Mr.

Harris stated javelin will be tough given the wetland constraints. Discussion ensued concerning foul lines. The Mayor stated he would prefer to have movable bases in order to get the most out of the field. Mr. Harris stated that either orientation would require ball netting on end lines. He stated that baseball would most likely need netting on French Drive. Mr. Young discussed orientating the fields in order to allow for a javelin strip. Mayor Blake stated the issue is mixing turf and grass. Discussion ensued concerning reorienting the fields to allow for a grass strip for javelin. Mr. Harris stated the javelin is challenging, but they will review and see how it can be accommodated. He stated layouts will be available for next time the committee meets. Chairman Jagoe asked if only the landing zone only needs to be grass. Mr. Harris stated that was correct. Mr. Harris stated they will revisit layouts addressing concerns raised. Mr. Blake stated a 90' baseball field is necessary as the field at Platt is no longer available. Mr., Harris stated it will most likely require a portable mound. Mayor Blake stated that while not ideal it makes sense to use a portable mound to allow for different type of field usage. Mayor Blake asked if there is a preference to north/south facing. Mr. Young stated given what the fields are being used for and what they are trying to accomplish different types of usage. Chairman Jagoe asked if there is potential for a javelin landing field near the football field. Mr. Vitelli stated he does not believe it is possible due to size and wetlands. Mayor Blake stated that javelin should be accommodated on existing grass field and it would need to be scheduled accordingly. Mr. Vitelli stated he does see how that could work. Mr. Richetelli stated the only grass area is the baseball field. Mr. Vitelli discussed other events that would also take place. Discussion ensued concerning parallel parking on French Drive and how it is impacted by the baseball field. Chairman Jagoe asked if parking could be added to the other side of French Drive by removing the grass area.

Mr. Harris stated they will take feedback from discussion and priorities and will meet to review in order to move forward. Mr. Kuchman stated will come up with best options for all scenarios to be reviewed.

IV. New Business.

None.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Young and Mr. Maxwell made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13

Respectfully submitted,



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RECODING SECRETARY