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Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Zoom Videoconference

Called to order at 4:00 p.m., by Planning Committee Chair, Brenda Knapp.

PLANNING COMMITTEE* AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Knapp*, Mark Johnson*, Max Mertz*, Deb Johnston, Hal Geiger, Lisa Petersen and Iola Young

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Tyk, Kim McDowell, Tracy Dompeling, Dallas Hargrave, Marc Walker, Sara Dodd, Nate Rumsey, Nathan Overson, Jeanne Rynne, and Anita Moffitt

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Mertz seconded. There being no objections, agenda approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Mertz seconded. There being no objections, minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Operating Room Remodel – Mr. Tyk was experiencing audio difficulties and unable to provide update at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Family Practice Building Update – Mr. Tyk unable to provide update due to audio difficulties. Mr. Walker reported the building is in good condition but he is unable to speak to the zoning of it. Discussion with the CBJ Zoning Committee or City Manager needs to be held. Mr. Mertz raised questions about previous zoning of this property. He suggested tabling this conversation until the next meeting. Questions should be organized prior to that meeting to allow a more thorough discussion. Mr. Johnson noted it would be helpful to know what the total cost of the recommended upgrades would be. The hospital also needs to identify what they will use the building for before talking to CBJ.

Mr. Tyk joined the meeting at 4:15 and reported the following: There is to be a BRH & Assembly Joint Committee meeting on the 16th of this month to discuss zoning of the Family Practice property so this topic will be tabled until the next Planning meeting. Mr. Solomon-Gross may be able to provide an update during his report at the Board meeting.

Operating Room (OR) Remodel - Mr. Tyk identified plans for adding lights and booms in the existing ORs. He expressed concern about having to undo that work in the future when we try to bring the rooms up to speed to make them more efficient than they are now. He noted we currently have 2 ORs in operation and one used as storage. For this facility to generate revenue, we need to have 3 functioning ORs and bringing in a Davinci robot should be considered. He suggests the new CEO and the Board Planning Committee look at moving the OR remodel up in the ranks in terms of what we need to do. Ms. Knapp stated recommendations from Mr. Keith and staff regarding what the costs are, and what should be moved down the list of priorities will be needed. Mr. Johnson is in support of this suggestion. The vast majority of surgical residents are taught robotics so having this available could help recruitment efforts in the future. Mr. Tyk reported the Davita robot now offers a leased program. They have provided proformas to BRH for oncology gynecological procedures as well as urological procedures. Mr. Keith will work with staff to provide information for the Board to help determine if we should move ahead with this suggestion.

Master Facility Plan and Timeline – Mr. Walker reported the facility plan and timeline, included in the packet, are up to date. The OR lights and booms listed on the spreadsheet under future projects, has a very rough estimate of \$3 Million. On the timeline, it is something that should be considered sooner rather than later. Planning and design is currently projected to take place in the 4th quarter of 2022 but can easily change. Supplies and equipment currently stored in the 3rd OR suite would be cleared out to allow for the renovation, electrical upgrade and installation of lights and booms. **Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to move forward to the Board for consideration; to conceptually approve the recommendation of developing the 3rd OR Suite. Mr. Mertz seconded.** At Mr. Johnson’s request, Mr. Walker provided clarification of the project. The initial budget only included replacement of the lights and booms in surgical suites. The proposed project includes an upgrade to electrical infrastructure to support things like the Davinici robots in the future. It wouldn’t make sense to replace lights and booms now only to have to remove them again when the inevitable upgrades to electrical infrastructure is done in the future. \$3 Million is a very rough estimate that includes the lights, booms, electrical upgrade and other finishes that will allow us to be ready to implement projects of the future. Ms. Knapp stated there is a motion on the floor to move forward to the Board for consideration; to conceptually approve the idea of accepting the recommendation of developing the 3rd OR suite. Staff is to bring relative costs, timeline and cost benefit information to Planning and Finance Committees for consideration and a final recommendation to the Board. There being no objections and no further comments, *MOTION* approved.

Mr. Mertz asked for clarification on the dates on the timeline header and what process was used to identify the projects and dates in the timeline. Mr. Walker stated the 2021 noted on the header is a mistake and should be 2022. He then explained that Jensen Yorba Wall had been solicited to help develop the Master Facility Plan. They conducted staff interviews, a market analysis and an analysis of our existing facility. A list of projects was developed that had been identified during this process and presented to Senior Leadership to prioritize. This is a dynamic document and has been modified significantly over time. It is regularly brought to the Planning Committee and modified as needed.

Current Projects Update – Mr. Walker provided an overview of the project update list included in the packet. The ASU-11/ Endoscopy Fan system rebalance was completed, TAB report being reviewed. Underground work has been completed for the water main and RRC waste line repair. We are hopeful that the paving that was scheduled to take place on Saturday will be able to take place tomorrow if the weather cooperates. Site improvement projects continue to move ahead and paving the roadway may possibly take place within the next three weeks. Some of the doors that arrived for the fire door replacement project were damaged, putting this project 12-16 week out. Working with a contractor on a rough phasing plan for work to begin soon on the non-damaged doors. Contractor on board for the underground fuel line replacement. A third party inspection revealed the underground emergency generator fuel lines need to be replaced as well so will be added to the scope of work. A preconstruction meeting was held with Anderson Brothers on the surge protection project. Work will begin when parts and pieces are here. The CT Scanner/MRI project is currently out for bid.

Bops / Crisis Stabilization Project Update – Ms. Rynne reported construction is moving along and still on schedule for completion by March of 2023. Almost all interior wall framing, rough in plumbing and rough in mechanical completed. Electrical is still getting their rough in work done. Sheet rocking has begun on the walls on the basement level. Weather barrier up on outside of the building and they are finishing up on the last part of the roof. Working with Tracy Dompeling on procurement of furnishings and equipment for the building. We are on track with the current timeline and budget. Trying to expedite getting door frames here to avoid challenges with installation if not delivered on time.

Emergency Department (ED) Expansion Project Update - Ms. Rynne reported we just achieved schematic design. The design team, client group has been reviewing the designs. The schematic design construction estimates came in at \$10.7 Million. It had come in at \$10.2 during the concept phase. She does not feel it warrants increasing the budget at this time since another estimate will be provided when we are at 65% complete. We are currently at 35% complete. The city attorney does not feel that we should move forward with the GCCM (General Contractor/Construction Manager) process, previously approved by the Board, until a Certificate of Need (CON) determination is obtained. Due to this recommendation, the GCCM process has not been presented to the Assembly for approval. Because of this delay, it could be too late to use this process which would allow a contractor to come on in an advisory role early in the design phase.



The project can proceed the traditional way (design, bid, build) to keep it on schedule but won't have the added value of the contractor's input. At Ms. Rynne's suggestion, Mr. Overson provided an update on the CON. BRH has taken a parallel approach in submitting a Request for Determination. An argument was made to the State that BRH does not need to go to a full application for a CON, knowing that there is a reasonable likelihood that it will be declined. BRH is working with a CON expert to start the application process, but not submit it yet, in the event we do get declined for the Request for Determination. He reported the Commissioner's Office requested a second round of information yesterday making Mr. Overson cautiously optimistic that this is a positive sign. They have 30 days to make a determination, each time information is requested, it resets the 30 days. The state knows we're interested in getting this information sooner rather than later but it has to go through the Assistant Attorney General's office as well. Mr. Johnson initiated discussion about the use of the 3 additional rooms in the ED. The behavioral health room should be waived from the requirement that it would have 1,500 patients per year. The other two non-typical exam rooms are a triage negative pressure room and an airborne infection isolation room. Mr. Mertz asked what the risk is if the CON is not approved by the State. Mr. Overson would like to speak with CBJ Law about the ultra-conservative approach about the timing and letting us move forward. Every indication is that this would move forward under the current administration, the Office of Rate Review and the Commissioner's Officer are in full support. Mr. Mertz stated the GCCM process would be the most cost effective way of doing this project. Because we are being precluded from this process, he agrees that Mr. Overson should speak to Legal. Mr. Overson stated that Alexandria Hicks, the CON Program Coordinator from the state would probably be amenable to have a conversation with Mr. Palmer and Mr. Overson about some of the risks involved. Ms. Rynne volunteered to sit in on the conversation to answer any questions that may come up about the project. The Committee requests that Mr. Overson work with Alexandria Hicks and the City Attorney to try to move forward with the GCCM process precedent to having a CON determination. Ms. Rynne is to assist.

In response to Ms. Knapp, Ms. Rynne reported that the parking study has been assigned to a project manager. An RFP needs to be issued for consultant services. We are currently waiting for Long Building Technologies to submit a cost proposal for the Juneau Medical Center ventilation improvements.

Strategic Goal Initiatives – Ms. Knapp reported a thorough update had been provided by Mr. Humphrey at the last meeting and is reflected in the minutes. Mr. Keith will need to familiarize himself with the strategic plan and initiatives. He will provide support to the staff for recommendations to bring back to the committee and the full board. There is nothing else to be added at this time.

Comments – Ms. Knapp thanked everyone for their questions and input.

Next Meeting – 12:00 p.m., September 2, 2022

Adjourned – 5:12 p.m.