Concord School District
Capital Facilities Committee Minutes

School Board Committee: Capital Facilities
Date: November 26, 2012
Committee members present: Clint Cogswell, Chair, Nick Metalious, Bill Glahn, Elizabeth Hoadley
Other Board member/s present: Kass Ardinger, Barbara Higgins, Tara Reardon
Administration: Matt Cashman, Jack Dunn
Others: Chris Emond, Director of Concord Boys and Girls Club

Clint Cogswell opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m., to hear a presentation by Chris Emond, Director of the Concord Boys and Girls Club to lease space at Eastman School for club activities while renovations at the Bradley Street facility take place.

Mr. Emond said that the renovations would take between 6 and 8 months to complete. They would like to lease the space from February, 2013 until October, 2013 for their club activities, including the after school program used by Concord students. Mr. Emond said the students would be transported by Concord school buses, or buses from the Boys and Girls Club, to Eastman between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. On early release days, students would be arriving earlier in the day, with all students gone by 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. each day.

During the summer months the students arrive early in the morning and most days go on field trips or have activities elsewhere. The Club has approximately 140 - 150 students enrolled daily. Most are between 6 and 18 years old, with the predominant ages of 6 to 12 years old. Most of the older students have grown up in the Club.

Approximately a dozen neighbors attended the meeting. Most had concerns about the increased traffic around the school; however, most favored leasing the property to the Concord Boys and Girls Club. They would like to see a workable traffic plan in which the Concord Police Department has input. Some neighbors noted that they are used to traffic problems as the property is a school; traffic is not new to the area.

Kass Ardinger said that at previous neighborhood meetings Eastman residents favored having a community center or school in the building, and that the general consensus is that use by the Concord Boys and Girls Club would have the fewest traffic problems.

Mr. Emond said that the Club wanted to be a good neighbor and would work with the Police Department or others to develop a workable traffic plan.
Bill Glahn stated that the Boys and Girls Club would be a great neighbor to have use of the space at Eastman. He expressed every confidence that the Club will meet the needs of the neighbors and approved leasing the property to them.

The Capital Facilities Committee voted 4-0 to recommend to the full Board to accept the proposal submitted by the Concord Boys and Girls Club to lease the Eastman School building from the School District from February until October 2013 (motioned by Mr. Glahn, seconded by Elizabeth Hoadley).

The committee adjourned at 6:45 p.m. (motioned by Mr. Cogswell, seconded by Mrs. Hoadley).

Clint Cogswell, Chair
Matt Cashman, Recorder