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## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SUBCOMMITTEE

**Virtual Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee Report**  
**Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Broadcast from the Media Studio**  
**454 Broadway, Cambridge, MA**

Called the purpose of sharing a list of upcoming summer projects and to discuss what is not being covered in the long-range Facilities Condition Assessment and Master Planning project and strategy.

Subcommittee Members Present: Member Rojas, (Chair), Member Hudson, Member Rachel

Others Present: Vedad Konjic, Facilities Director and David Murphy, Chief Operating Officer

**Chair Rojas** started the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and read the call of the meeting. He outlined the meeting's agenda and goals for the discussion which included:

- Share list of upcoming summer projects
- Discuss what is not being covered in the long-range Facilities Condition Assessment and Master Planning project and strategy

**Chair Rojas** highlighted the agreements of the meeting (below):

- Speak and listen from the heart (respect)
- Step up/step back (watch air time)
- Expect and accept non-closure (work in progress)
- Bike rack (list of things that are important but should be addressed another time)
- Public comment would be limited to 3 minutes to allow for a broader discussion.

**Chair Rojas** led round-robin introductions and asked participants to share highlights from the Memorial Day weekend.

**Chair Rojas** turned the meeting over to COO David Murphy who presented the following [slides](#).

During the presentation, COO Murphy shared the following highlights:

- The impending report would lay the groundwork for long-term planning.
- The report will be released in weeks and should serve as a starting point for a discussion.
- He noted the importance of bringing the discussion to the community.
- The importance of looking at the infrastructure so the district can plan for capital projects.
- The report provides a data set that will help the district to develop the priorities; it is not a commitment to large-scale building projects and it is not attached to a timeline.
- There are limitations to CPSD's funding capacity.
- The report is an analysis and an assessment and it is not a finalized master plan.
- The goal of the report is to keep us grounded to our CPS mission.
- The report would be released in three phases and include a building by building analysis; Buildings renovated within the last 15 years would not be analyzed.

The presentation paused for discussion. **Member Hudson** highlighted that it might be worth putting out a statement to the community so they are aware of the parameters of the report. COO Murphy agreed and noted that the report contains a large volume of data and there are challenges to packaging the information so it is digestible. **Member Rojas** agreed about the importance of building awareness among community members. He suggested that future subcommittee meetings devoted to the topic. COO

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questioned if the conversation would exceed what can be discussed in a subcommittee meeting. **Member Rojas** highlighted the example of the subcommittee's increased role during the pandemic. COO Murphy shared that he has ten overarching questions that we would like to share with the School Committee once the data is released. He cautioned that the district should not make commitments that could restrict CPSD in the future.

The discussion turned to the second agenda item regarding summer capital projects. COO Murphy and Mr. Konjic gave an overview of the 2024 Summer Capital Projects slide. COO Murphy highlighted that there would be smaller projects as well, including furniture purchases for the preschool program.

They overviewed the five categories of capital projects:

1. Programming
2. Health and Safety
3. Climate and Efficiency
4. MSBA Partnership (Accelerated Repair Program)
5. Miscellaneous

The group discussed the following planned projects and their financial implications:

- Amigos Gym Floor Replacement
- Haggerty Gym Floor Refinishing
- G & P Gym Floor Refinishing Amigos Elevator Controls
- LFB Elevator Controls
- Baldwin Electrical Vault Repair
- G & P Asbestos Abatement
- Haggerty Plaza Waterproofing/Caulking Repair (including Haggerty stairs)
- Baldwin Chiller Replacement
- CRLS Field House Caulking

**Member Rachel** inquired about the Longfellow roof project and Mr. Konjic confirmed that a contract was about to be signed and construction would begin next summer. COO Murphy noted that after a recent rainstorm that the temporary fixes were working and there were no issues with the Longfellow roof. The discussion pivoted to the Graham & Parks Asbestos Abatement project and district protocols and staff training relating to asbestos abatement. Mr. Konjic assured the group that all precautions were being implemented.

**Chair Rojas** concluded the meeting at 6:38 p.m.