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## Lincoln-Eliot School Building Committee and Community Meeting Cancelation Notice and Project Look-Ahead

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Good Morning Lincoln-Eliot Community,

We have decided to cancel the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lincoln-Eliot School Building Committee and Community. The City Council approved the site plan and project funds on July 11<sup>th</sup>, but the City Charter provides for, and requires, a 20-day period after the vote before the action officially becomes effective. This means that our design team from Arrowstreet were able to get started again on moving the design forward last week. This does not impact our project schedule, as we plan for these votes in the late spring such that the delay falls when many people are away on vacation.

Our next meeting of the Lincoln-Eliot School Building Committee, Design Review Committee, and Community will be in September, and as we get closer, I will send out another reminder. As we have discussed in the past, now that we have gotten past the site plan approval milestone, the conversations will become much more design detail oriented. As such, the Design Review Committee will assume the lead in the meetings going forward. The Lincoln-Eliot School Building Committee and Community will continue to have a seat at the virtual table and their comments and participation are just as welcome and necessary as always. The meetings will be monthly from September through next spring when we anticipate completing the design and bidding the construction.

Here are a handful of the items we will be focused on in the near term in no particular order:

- Exterior building material types, colors, and designs.
- Gymnasium massing and ways to break it up and make it visually appealing.
- Landscaping, Site Lighting, and Site Plan refinement.
- Floor plan evolution and refinement to show details such as furnishings, fixtures, equipment, closets, sinks, etc.
- Building system analysis, selection, and refinement. This includes HVAC, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, technology, etc.
- Framing and foundations approach and embodied carbon analysis. Wood versus steel. Concrete type.
- Interior finishes to include materials, colors, and design.
- Energy performance and sustainability features, design, and construction control.
- Parking Management Plan and Blue Zone Discussions.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out. Arrowstreet will be using the next month to advance the plans on multiple fronts before bringing the latest and greatest back to all of you in September.

Regards,

Josh Morse  
Public Buildings Commissioner  
Public Buildings Department  
City of Newton

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