Planning Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2020 – 7:00 a.m.
Bartlett Regional Hospital Boardroom / Zoom Videoconference

Called to order at 7:01 a.m., by Planning Committee Chair, Marshal Kendziorek

Planning Committee and Board Members: Marshal Kendziorek, Kenny Solomon-Gross, Iola Young, Brenda Knapp, Mark Johnson, Deb Johnston, and Lance Stevens. (Rosemary Hagevig late arrival)

Also Present: Chuck Bill, CEO, Rose Lawhorne, CNO, Billy Gardner, COO, Bradley Grigg, CBHO, Dallas Hargrave, HR Director, Megan Costello, CLO, Anita Moffitt, Executive Assistant, NorthWind Architects representatives Sean Boily and Dave Hurley, PDC Engineering representative Mark Pusich, ECG Representatives John Budd, Jeff Hoffman and Morgan Parsons.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Ms. Young made a MOTION to approve the minutes from May 19, 2020 Planning Committee as amended. Mr. Solomon-Gross seconded. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

RAINFOREST RECOVERY and CRISIS STABILIZATION CENTER UPDATES
Mark Pusich of PDC Engineering provided an overview of the findings of the geotechnical survey conducted on the property where the Crisis Stabilization Center is to be located. The soil is not suitable to be built on and will need to be removed and replaced with an engineered structural fill material to support a building, prevent settlement and withstand a seismic event. Discussion was held about how the additional costs for excavation work impacts the budget for this project and what changes have been made to the design to offset those costs. Redesigning the building, changing construction type from a steel frame to a wood frame and filling in the hole with building instead of dirt were noted as ways to best serve the project and keep costs down. Mr. Grigg reassured the committee that cuts in the square footage does not cut the service delivery that has been discussed throughout this process. Mr. Boily presented the most current set of plans with the inclusion of underground parking. He noted that it is a better value for our construction dollars to fill the hole with an underground parking garage and snow removal equipment storage as opposed to filling it in and building on it. Mr. Bill made a recommendation on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team that the Committee accept this report and forward to the Board for full consideration. The recommendation to be considered is that we do the full project, including the parking garage and stay within the budget that has been established. Further discussion about underground parking and equipment storage was held. Mr. Solomon-Gross made a MOTION to move this project forward as presented to the Board for approval. Ms. Young seconded. There being no objection, Motion approved. Mr. Kendziorek thanked Mr. Grigg, Mark Pusich, NorthWind Architects and everyone else that worked so hard on this project.

Mr. Kendziorek requested the Executive Session be the next item on the agenda to allow ECG participants to exit the meeting after completion of their presentation.
Motion by Mr. Solomon-Gross to move into Executive Session to discuss and review information presented that the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of BRH, that being a discussion and information presented by ECG that may impact future partnerships or transactions between BRH and other health care organizations. Ms. Young seconded. The committee entered executive session at 7:29 a.m. and returned to regular session at 8:32 a.m.

It was noted that Ms. Hagevig joined the meeting and Ms. Knapp exited the meeting during the executive session. Mr. Stevens made a MOTION to accept the ECG report and move to the full board for consideration during the executive session of the June Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Johnson opposed the motion. Motion passes 5-1 with 6 members present.

Mr. Stevens exited the meeting. Five committee members remaining, quorum maintained.

COVID STATUS – Mr. Bill reported that we continue to be ready for any surge that we might see. We have made substantial progress in standing back up operations. There are two big COVID issues being discussed right now. The first is getting clarification from the State regarding how the mandate for interstate travel effects healthcare workers. The second is the Unified Incident Command at CBJ level looking at the ability to stand up more rapid testing here in Juneau. Roche and Cepheid equipment options have been looked at. Roche equipment is very large and would require significant staffing increases and space that we don’t have at BRH. Cepheid now offers a 16 port system. We could accommodate two of these systems in our existing lab. Cepheid has said they would be comfortable fulfilling this order and would be able to have at least 300 test kits a week to us by the end of September. (This is a much quicker turnaround than what Roche would be able to offer.) BRH will be making a recommendation to the UIC to move forward with the Cepheid machines. This will give us additional capacity and technology to be able to do more tests than the Roche machines would allow us to do. Cepheid tests are more versatile than Roche and Abbott tests. Two Cepheid machines would allow up to 32 tests an hour to be conducted. The Cepheid test error rate is less than 1%. Discussion was held about CARES Act money for equipment and the chance of possibly obtaining startup funding from the cruise and mining industries. Current turnaround times are problematic and may take three or more days to get results. The state lab is overwhelmed and the LabCorp facility has not opened up in Seattle yet due to inability to recruit staff.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT – This will be discussed at the June 23rd Board of Directors meeting. The ECG assessment is going to be a major driver of our agenda.

Future Agenda Items:
1. COVID Status
2. ECG Assessment
3. Strategic Planning Retreat

Comments: None

Next meeting: To be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting

Adjourned – 8:52 a.m.