



Legislation Text

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Subject:

Work session to update Town Council on the renovation and addition to Louise Archer Elementary School located at 324 Nutley Street, NW

BACKGROUND SUMMARY :

Louis Archer Elementary School is located at 324 Nutley Street, NW on 8.13 acres of land on the west side of Nutley Street, NW, in the block between its intersection with Knoll and Orchard Streets, NW. The southerly and southwesterly lines of the parcel delineate the common boundary line between the elementary school and Madison High School, as well as the corporate boundary between the Town and Fairfax County. Adjoining properties include the Sons and Daughters Cemetery to the west, and residential parcels along Orchard Street, NW, to the north of the school property. The property is zoned RS-12.5 Single-Family Detached Residential.

On April 20, 2005, the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a modular classroom for ten years. The modular classroom building is 66-foot by 180-foot in size and is located to the south of the main school building. It provides additional capacity to alleviate the overcrowding at the school and has a gross floor area of approximately 11,880 square feet. It includes ten classrooms, restroom facilities, maintenance space, and ancillary storage space. The modular classroom replaced five of the then-eight existing classroom trailers located on the Property.

Concurrent with the BZA approval, the Town Council at their meeting on May 5, 2005, approved six site plan modifications associated with the CUP request for the placement of a modular classroom along with the continued use of two existing trailers which falls under a separate purview of the Town Council.

OVERVIEW :

Most recently, on June 15, 2020, Town Council approved continued use of the trailers for another two years and on June 17, 2020, the BZA approved continued use of the 66-foot by 180-foot modular classroom building for another five years. The planning and design of the Louise Archer Elementary School renovation is currently underway. Construction is expected to begin in 2022 and take 2 years to complete. Once school renovations are complete, the modular and existing trailers will be removed from the Property.

SUMMARY/STAFF IMPRESSIONS :

Representatives of Fairfax County Public Schools last held a work session with Town Council on May 18, 2020 and provided an update on the proposed schedule for design and construction.