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WASHINGTON SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2025

723 S. Lewis Street, Room 2073
Stillwater, OK 74074
11:30 AM

Members Present: Karen Washington, Laura Arata, James Beckstrom, Norman McNickle (left at 12:30), Ann Houston, Jessie Sims, Kay Stewart, Clyde Wilson (11:38)

Members Absent: Gary Clark, Calvin Miller, Thomas Fields

Staff: Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel and Assistant City Attorney Ashlyn Garis

- 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Washington called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

- 2. General Orders

The Washington School Advisory Committee will hear a staff presentation, discuss, and take action including a vote or series of votes on each item listed as presented or as amended or revised by the Washington School Advisory Committee unless the agenda entry specifically states that no action will be taken. The requested action is indicated in each agenda entry but may be amended or revised prior to action by the Washington School Advisory Committee.

a.	<p>Approval of August 5, 2025 minutes.</p> <p>MOTION BY STEWART, SECOND BY ARATA TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 5, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: WASHINGTON-YEA, ARATA-YEA, BECKSTROM-YEA, HOUSTON-YEA, SIMS-YEA, STEWART-YEA, MCNICKLE-YEA.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN YEA VOTES.</p>
b.	<p>Update from the Washington School Heritage Foundation. No action will be taken on this item.</p>

Beckstrom gave the update:

- Fundraiser planned for February 2026.
- Security activities: Capstone engaged to perform security enhancements work on the building
- Architectural report: Foundation approved \$44,300 for structural/architectural work focused on roof and related structural package preparation.

No action was taken on this item.

c. Discussion and possible action for next steps in the redevelopment process of Washington School.

Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel reported that the bid for the demolition closes on November 5 and there is a pre-bid meeting on October 20. The bid information is on the City's website.

Beckstrom presented and discussed the architectural drawings. One drawing is retaining the 1938 front and centerpiece of the Washington School. The objective is for this to be a multi-functional community space that maintains and honors the 1938 façade/structure as centerpiece; with a gymnasium serving as a flexible space complementary to the local health corridor. Beckstrom discussed continuing with volunteer engagement. He stated that there have been successful cleanup days with the last event involving 76 student volunteers (3 hours each) and expert volunteer help as well. Deputy City Manager Driskel reported that the Leadership Stillwater Class is possibly interested in volunteering.

Beckstrom reported that as soon as the architectural/structural work is done there will be clarity as to what needs to happen inside the building structurally. The gymnasium room is the highest priority and the cost for the gymnasium structural masonry and roof replacement is estimated at \$250,000. Beckstrom stated that the next big expense would be the comprehensive architectural design for full facility redevelopment which is estimated at approximately \$330,000. Long-term total redevelopment estimate remains approximately \$5 million.

Discussion was held regarding funding and project bidding requirements for a City property. Cleanup and non-construction volunteer activities are acceptable; construction/demolition contributions may trigger public procurement thresholds and must be vetted to maintain compliance.

Driskel stated that the bid for demolition of accessory structures and associated asbestos abatement were included together, and funds may also be applied to

	<p>abatement needs in the retained 'T' structure, subject to final bid outcomes. She stated she would check on funding available and let the committee know.</p> <p>No action was taken on this item.</p>
d.	<p>General discussion and possible recommendation to the City Council regarding the assessment, proposed design, renovation or redevelopment of the Washington School property.</p> <p>Chair Washington asked what the City's contribution would be to help save the City's building and cost less money to maintain. Deputy City Manager Driskel stated that there is not a budget for this project so any requests would require City Council action. It is her understanding that the City does not intend to fund the redevelopment piece of this project.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the City contributing funds to the redevelopment of this project and what to request from Council. Ms. Driskel stated that budget conversations for the next fiscal year are beginning so the sooner the requests are made the better for planning. It was decided the committee would get their motion on November 3, 2025 City Council agenda.</p> <p>MOTION BY BECKSTROM, SECOND BY HOUSTON TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO BUDGET APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION FOR WASHINGTON SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT FOR FY26/27.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: WASHINGTON-YEA, ARATA-YEA, BECKSTROM-YEA, HOUSTON-YEA, SIMS-YEA, STEWART-YEA, WILSON-YEA.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN YEA VOTES.</p>
e.	<p>Approval of 2026 meeting schedule.</p> <p>MOTION BY WILSON, SECOND BY SIMS TO APPROVE THE 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: WASHINGTON-YEA, ARATA-YEA, BECKSTROM-YEA, HOUSTON-YEA, SIMS-YEA, STEWART-YEA, WILSON-YEA.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN YEA VOTES.</p>

3. Public Comment

Patrick Daglaris, 19 N. Canyon Rim Drive, he requested to provide 3D photography scanning of the exterior and interior of the Washington School. Ms. Driskel stated that

she could allow him access to the exterior but not the interior. Once the asbestos abatement is completed then we could come back at the next steps of the redevelopment process and talk about the interior in the original 'T' structure because the concern that does not allow access now will no longer be there.

Mr. Daglaris said he would work with the City to find a time for a team to come out to photograph the exterior. He explained the process and purpose of the 3D photography of the school.

Ms. Driskel reiterated that the committee is tasked with redevelopment of the structure and fundraising so Mr. Daglaris would need to coordinate with her for a time to photograph the exterior of the school.

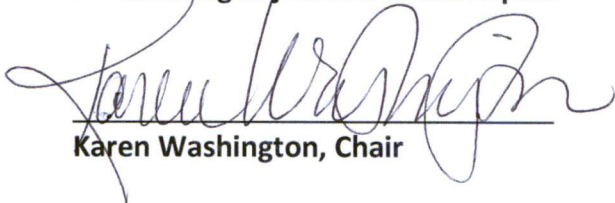
4. Adjourn

MOTION BY STEWART, SECOND BY SIMS TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 14, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING.

ROLL CALL: WASHINGTON-YEA, ARATA-YEA, BECKSTROM-YEA, HOUSTON-YEA, SIMS-YEA, STEWART-YEA, WILSON-YEA.

MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN YEA VOTES.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.


Karen Washington, Chair


Teresa Kadavy, Clerk to Board