On May 10, 2016, the committee worked through a Value Engineering list with HMFH and PC Construction to keep the project on budget. The cost estimate for the Design Development phase came in less than 1% over budget. The changes made will not significantly affect the quality of the building or the overall appearance.

The committee decided to increase the steel tonnage in the remaining roof area to support photovoltaics on the entire roof. This recommendation was made by Ameresco as part of the city’s effort to increase energy efficiency. The committee is confident that this will be a wise investment in the infrastructure that will have significant return in years to come, even if not all of the photovoltaics are installed immediately.

On May 24, 2016, the committee unanimously approved the final Design Development Cost Estimate dated 5-24-2016 in the amount of $71,644,000.

The committee scheduled a community information session for 7pm on June 7th to be held in Walker Auditorium at the high school.

PC Construction has indicated they hope to break ground near the weekend of June 25, 2016.