

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025

A meeting of the Borough of Caldwell Oversight Committee was held at 3:30pm on May 14, 2025 at the Borough of Caldwell Firehouse, 32 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey.

PRESENT: Alex Palumbo, Councilman Daniolowicz, Councilman Jurgensen, Mike DeCarlo, Joe Haines from Dassa Haines Architects, and Evan Jacobs from Matrix New World,

OBJECTIVES: To discuss the next steps for the old library building and 80 Bloomfield Avenue

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

Old Library Building:

- Mike DeCarlo presented everyone with the first Internal Demo Contract that has been received. He indicated that getting proposals for this project has been harder than expected
- Survey should be provided by next Tuesday at the latest.
- Joe Haines said that so far, no asbestos has been found in the building. The equipment on the roof does not have to be removed for this project, and is not included in the scope of work.
- Joe Haines took the group through their plans of putting a handicap ramp to the new main entrance on the side of the building that faces the Green. Discussion was had on the best way to make this as handicap accessible as possible. It was decided that the best course of action would be to rebuild the existing ramp, so to limit the distance that people with mobility issues would have to travel to enter the building.
- Discussion was had on the idea of putting in a galley kitchen and connecting all the "multi-Purpose" spaces, in order to enlarge the area to accommodate more people.
- Alex Palumbo said he would check with the County to see if, as part of their current paving job, they can redo the curbing from the catch basin to the corner at the Provost Square intersection.

80 Bloomfield Avenue:

- Joe Haines informed the group that there was some water leakage found when the walls were opened up. The gutters were cleaned, and the leaks stopped.
- Discussion was had on the use of Gutter Guards

- Councilman Daniolowicz suggested having Tom Tucci be present for any meetings with the Library staff regarding finishes. He will act as a liaison with this committee.
- Councilman Daniolowicz suggested that the architects work with Councilwoman Hunkele on the colors and finishes for the municipal offices. As an interior designer, she would be the best person to help make these choices.
- Joe Haines mentioned that a sign company needs to be hired, as the pad for the sign is in the scope of the design work.
- Councilman Daniolowicz will work with Jesus Navarro on getting temporary signage on the building to indicate that this building will be the new municipal offices and library space.
- Evan Jacobs said that the site plan should be ready in about 2-3 weeks after the survey is done for the Provost Square project.
- Alex Palumbo informed the group that all Phase 2 projects will be discussed at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Borough Clerk