

E-SPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: January 14, 2020 8:30 am at HT Edwards.

Attendees:

Alex Sams	Mike Waldrip	Rick Parker	Nancy Hart
Andrew Malec	Patricia Yager	Andrea Farnham	Rod Platt
Dexter Fisher	John Gilbreath	Troy Bassett	Gerald Arscott

Staff Reports: Copies of the following were distributed:

- December, 2019 Meeting Summary
- January, 2020 SPLOST Monthly Report
- January, 2020 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- January, 2020 Construction Schedule
- November, 2019 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend
- November, 2019 SPLOST 5 Financials
- November, 2019 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections

Hilsman: The traffic lights are now operational and the crosswalk is currently being marked. Work continues on the punch list. Meetings are held with the contractor on a weekly basis to ensure issues are dealt with promptly. The LID playground is now fully installed. The as-built storm water plans have been sent to the county. The concrete pad will be installed as weather permits for bleachers at the soccer field.

Cedar Shoals Gym/Locker/Wrestling Room Renovations: The wrestling room floor mats are down and the wall pads are about to be installed. Lockers have to be secured. The varsity lockers are installed and there remains some minor flooring work to be finished. Work will then be complete.

High School Stadiums: Meetings have been held with the athletics directors, coaches and the civil engineer to consider priorities and options. It was noted that there was no female representation at those meetings. From this meeting the following preferences emerged:

Cedar Shoals – a new track and a field house for use by all sports, approximately 10-15,000 sq. ft. and two stories. Artificial turf is not a priority.

Clarke Central – artificial turf and an eight-lane track. This would entail modifying bleachers, re-building/modifying the concession stand and retaining wall work.

Trips are being organized to other school districts to inspect different artificial turf products and will include discussion re their maintenance. The suppliers will then be invited to make presentations of their products. There was discussion on the need for eight-lane tracks, how often they would be used and the opportunity to use UGA facilities in the event of hosting state meetings. This appeared to be a more economical solution compared with the likely expenditure.

Clarke Middle School: An initial meeting has been held with the Principal and a meeting is scheduled with the LSGT on January 23. A local building committee will be formed in conjunction with the Principal. A questionnaire has been sent to school staff seeking their views on the current facilities and their preference for renovation or new build. 63 responses have been received. An amended version of the questionnaire will be sent to parents, including those at the feeder elementary schools

West Broad Campus: Survey work is taking place on the site following Board approval for an Early Learning Center on Campbell Street and renovation of the historic building on Minor Street. There are significant challenges with the plans for the site, which the architect is addressing. A community meeting is being held this evening at which the architect will present the challenges on the overall site and the intended approach to restoration of the Minor Street building. This will primarily be an information gathering meeting. The power point presentation to be used at the meeting was shown to the COC. It will also be posted on the SPLOST website (<https://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/Page/2630>)

School C: Approaches have been received to purchase the site or deals involving exchanging property. Dexter Fisher explained that no such offers will be entertained.

Facilities review: the current SPLOST priorities are to close-out Cedar Shoals Gym and Hilsman and develop the plans for West Broad and Clarke Middle School. It is intended to move some HQ staff to Old Gaines. This is a more economical solution than installing temporary buildings at HT Edwards. It also has the advantage of maintaining some occupancy at Old Gaines. This will free up space at HT Edwards for the manufacturing lab. This will be a project managed by SPLOST staff. Plans are to seek donations to help with the costs of constructing and outfitting the manufacturing lab.

John Gilbreath reported that the latest indications are that student numbers are beginning to trend down, especially at the elementary school level. This has implications for the SPLOST program and an overall review with the Board would be timely. This is also relevant information for a meeting of the Board with the County Commissioners which is set for February 10.

Transportation & Technology: School buses have been ordered which are propane powered. These will be the first buses we have of this type, which should be more economical to run and maintain and more environmentally friendly. A report is going to the Board this week concerning replacing student devices for grades 5-6 and 11-12. This is in accordance with the standard replacement schedule and funded from the \$20m allocated for technology in E-Splost 5.

COC Membership – it was considered that additional new members would still be warranted, especially those with specific qualifications such as parents attending CCSD schools and those with connections with the construction industry.

Financial Report –The November E-SPLOST 5 sales tax was \$2.3m which means that monthly revenue continues to be well ahead of the planned \$1.85m per month.

Future Meetings

February 11th at HT Edwards at 8:30am

March 10th

The meeting concluded at 10:15am.