

ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 8, 2021 8:30 am in HT Edwards, Room 66 and by virtual attendance.

Attendees: Alex Sams Rick Parker Nancy Hart Smith Wilson Andrew Malec
Lara Mathes Tad MacMillan Erwin Greene Greg Davis Patricia Yager
Allison Wright Xernona Thomas John Gilbreath Troy Basset Gerald Arscott

Staff Reports: Copies of the following were distributed:

- May, 2021 Meeting Summary
- June, 2021 SPLOST Monthly Report
- June, 2021 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- June, 2021 Construction Schedule
- April, 2021 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend
- April, 2021, 2020 SPLOST 5 Financials
- April, 2021 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections

West Broad Campus – There is to be a meeting next week with the Superintendent so that she can be briefed by the Architect, the Preservation Architect (Jackie Bass) and CCSD staff on the options and determine a way forward. In the meantime bids have been received for (1) abatement of lead/asbestos and demolition work and (2) a CM at Risk construction contract. This has been done in order to minimize any delay as soon as a way forward has been determined.

Board HQ: On May 13 the BOE approved the purchase of the Prince Avenue property, effective June 1, and the appointment of RW Allen as the CM at Risk contractor. Purchase of the property will be funded from ESPLOST 5 and the 370 Capital Fund (comprising the proceeds from the sale of Mitchell Bridge Rd.). The RW Allen contract has a GMP of \$7.6m. Work has started on the abatement and demolition work, priority being given to the 3-storey building. The chapel ceiling tiles need to have lead paint removed; some will come down and be replaced with matching, others will remain. The chapel windows will remain and be repaired as necessary. The preservation architect, Jackie Bass, is advising on this work. Proposals will be brought to the Property Committee/BOE to sell the three houses. Two would remain in position but one would need to be removed. There was some concern that that could cause controversy.

Clarke Middle School: Following the LBC design charrette activity the architect is developing the design for a meeting in early August. Arrangements will be made for teachers to visit Hilsman to see elements of that building that they may wish to see incorporated in CMS. The archaeologist investigating the proximity of the Brooklyn Cemetery has indicated that there is very unlikely to be any problem, but his final report has not yet been received. Alex Sams indicated that it could be informative for the COC to meet at Hilsman and CMS in the near future.

School C: Student enrollment numbers and County issued occupancy certificates continue to be monitored. At this stage there is no justification to proceed with School C. Regarding the proposal to exchange our existing site

with an alternative, the environmental consultant has reported that the Risk Hazard Assessment shows that the site is not suitable for a school. Also GA DOE has not overridden the consultant's Risk Hazard Assessment findings. Alex Sams indicated that, although his firm was involved in the swap suggestion, he had no involvement and no knowledge of the proposal. He would continue to be distant from any such discussions.

Cedar Shoals Field-House: A meeting is being planned with Cedar Shoals staff as a first step to developing the brief for the fieldhouse. It was important to note that it was Cedar Shoals' decision to not have an artificial field turf and that their higher priority was for a fieldhouse. Some elements of the community are raising the Clarke Central vs Cedar Shoals comparison, not realizing that this was Cedar Shoals' choice. The plan is for the building to be ready for use in the fall of 2022.

Early Learning Center Kitchen Extension: A recommendation for the appointment of Grahl Construction as the CM at Risk contractor is going to the BOE this week. Two bids were received. Grahl is a local firm and did the work on the Cosmetology Lab and the Welding/Manufacturing Lab. This work will provide a full kitchen service to the Early Learning Center and to the West Broad facility when it is completed. Meals are currently supplied from the Career Academy kitchen. This in turn will free up the Career Academy kitchen to be converted to a training kitchen for the culinary arts, which is one of the priority categories of need identified by the Career Academy.

Facilities Review: A presentation of the ESPLOST 6 program is being made to the BOE this evening at 5pm at Whitehead Annex. COC members were reminded of their invitation to attend. The program primarily flows from the five-year plan approved at the April 15 BOE meeting and submitted to the Department of Education. Alex Sams reminded COC members of the need to be making arrangements for promoting the ESPLOST 6 referendum. This will entail having a COC member as a liaison with the ESPLOST 6 committee.

Transportation & Technology: Nothing to report. Erwin Greene asked if any of the buses this year are replacements for the special needs buses. The answer was not known (**Post meeting note:** Special needs buses are not due for replacement this year).

COC Membership: Alex Sams encouraged COC members to seek out other candidates to join the Committee.

Sales Tax Revenue: The March figure was \$2.46m.

Future Meetings

Future meetings are scheduled for:

July 13, 2021

August 10, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.