

## E-SPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** May 12, 2020 8:30 am by teleconference.

**Attendees:**

Alex Sams	Mike Waldrip	Rick Parker	Andrew Malec
Lara Mathes	Nancy Hart	Smith Wilson	Greg Davis
Patricia Yager	Allison Wright	Deborah Lonon	Xernona Thomas
Dexter Fisher	John Gilbreath	Troy Bassett	Gerald Arcscott

**Staff Reports:** Copies of the following were distributed:

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

**Hilsman:** The site was walked with the contractor last week. There are some elements of the old crosswalk to be removed. The only other outstanding item is for the county to approve the as-built storm water drawings.

**Cedar Shoals Gym/Locker/Wrestling Room Renovations:** Outstanding items include the installation of rubber floor tiles in the Varsity Locker Room and hardware lock cylinder installation. Flooring installation quotes are being obtained. We are finding that the coronavirus situation is making supply timelines a problem.

**High School Stadiums:** A meeting with the contractor and ACC was held last week. Work is commencing this week. A time lapse camera has been installed at Clarke Central. (This can be viewed at Off CCSD Network <http://liveview.clarke.k12.ga.us/> - On CCSD Network <http://10.17.46.29/> )

**Clarke Middle School:** The architects are currently assessing the cost of new build vs renovation, for presentation to CMS in the fall. Typically, if renovation costs 70-80% of new build, then new build is chosen.

**West Broad Campus:** Currently the third community meeting is being delayed, due to the coronavirus situation. The architect has been instructed to go ahead with the specification for renovation of the Minor Street building. The merits of having a set local committee, giving consistency of attendance and feedback, were noted. It was suggested that the heritage group should be included. Although there were several known likely candidates there were no obvious local residents. Dr. Thomas agreed with the approach. Karen Higginbotham, Director of Early Learning, has been fully involved in the development discussions. There is concern that if the enrollment number was reduced below 200, the Early Learning facility would be too small to be viable given the fixed overhead costs.

**School C:** Student enrollment numbers for that area are being monitored closely, together with residential building permits issued by the county. This will determine if and when this project proceeds. The most recent numbers as at March, 2020 show a continuing decline in overall student numbers.

**Manufacturing Lab:** Work has commenced this week. There is a known long lead time on the external canopy, so this has been ordered. Discussions are being held with the Career Academy chef for the relocation of raised herb beds.

**Facilities Review:** Every five years a review is undertaken of each school, along with Plant Services, and this will form the basis of the E-SPLOST 6 program. The key elements are student enrollment numbers, the condition of buildings, maintenance issues and the program needs of schools.

Overall, it is known that Cedar Shoals will require work:

- Replacing cooler/freezer, which will be part of the School Nutrition E-SPLOST 5 program
- Systems including elevators and HVAC, Security
- The proposed Field House

Schools due for upgrade on an age of facility basis are Gaines and Alps

**Transportation & Technology:** Five buses are on order for delivery this summer. Three of these are propane powered. Technology budget to date in E-SPLOST 5 is \$16m for replacement of student devices on a programmed basis and infra-structure updates. They are currently are underspent. A further \$4m is allocated for the remainder of E-SPLOST 5, but availability of this will be dependent on forthcoming revenues. The Director of Infrastructure Support Services is reviewing the devices/equipment renewal schedule in the light of likely reduced revenues. Greg Davis asked if, in principle, E-SPLOST funds could be used for extending internet availability across the county. This is possible providing it is for educational purposes and covered by the E-SPLOST referendum language. Deborah Lonon and Allison Wright explained that the county SPLOST program includes provision of county-wide access.

**COC Membership:** Alex Sams indicated that there was a continuing need to add further members in order to ensure that there was a good representation at every meeting. He encouraged everyone to bring forward names of those who may be appropriate.

**Sales Tax Revenue:** The February figure was \$1.96m. This is normally the lowest figure of the year. The March figure was \$1.87m, an 11% reduction compared with the March 2019 figure. It was noted that the full impact of the pandemic close-down did not take place until well into March, so the April figure will give a better indication of the impact of the pandemic. Gerald Arscott will circulate the April figure as soon as it becomes available at the end of May. There are sufficient funds in the bank to meet current obligations, including a bond principal payment and interest of \$12.8m in September, 2020. The future program will be dependent on the revenues going forward, with first priority being given to making future bond payments.

#### **Future Meetings**

June 9, 2020

July 14, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20am.