

## ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** April 12, 2022 8:30 am in Room 136, BOE HQ, 595 Prince Avenue.

**Attendees:** Alex Sams            Rick Parker            Tad MacMillan        Nancy Hart            Andrew Malec  
Mike Waldrip            Smith Wilson        Erwin Greene        Patricia Yager        Dexter Fisher  
Garrick Askew        John Gilbreath        Troy Basset            Gerald Arcscott

**Staff Reports:** Copies of the following were distributed prior to the meeting:

- March, 2022 Meeting Summary
- April, 2022 SPLOST Monthly Report
- April, 2022 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- April, 2022 Construction Schedule
- February, 2022 SPLOST 5 Financials
- February, 2022 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections
- February, 2022 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend

**Introduction:** Dexter Fisher introduced Garrick Askew who has taken over from him as Chief of Operations.

**West Broad Campus** – Dr. Thomas is continuing her discussions with Board Members with a view to bringing a proposal to the BOE in May. If the District is to fund the property it can only be used for School District (Educational) purposes. Any wider use would require management and operation by an outside body. If the property is not to be used for School District purposes the previous decision to allocate ESPLOST funds would need to be reversed.

**Early Learning at Old Gaines** – The works are in their final stages. The plan is to have eight classrooms (64 children) ready by mid-April and a further eight classrooms (160 students for older children) ready for use at the start of the new school year. COC asked for the opportunity to see the new facility. The earth structure roof membrane is 30+ years' old, has a couple of locations that leak during heavy rains and it may be necessary to replace it. This work would be accomplished over the summer.

**Board HQ:** Around 99% of punch list items have been completed and close-out documents are being prepared. The remaining issues are supply chain related e.g. doors. A surveyor has been contracted to sub-divide parcels to enable sale of the two houses. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the Capital Project Fund 101. The future of Ellard Hall will be a matter for the BOE. Dexter Fisher stated that there was no intention to demolish or remove it.

**Clarke Middle School:** The Local Building Committee met on March 8. The majority preference was for the red brick exterior. The floor plan is settled and the total size, including the gymnasium, is approximately 220,000 sq. ft. Work will now be done on the external layout, site plan Reference was made to a long established Master Gardener program at the school and the need to take that into consideration. Reference was also made to the need to carefully address the gymnasium acoustics, which has been an issue elsewhere. Construction it is likely to be in phases, with one or two grades located in trailers while the work is in progress. Bids will be solicited late fall/winter and it is likely to be a CM at risk project. Plans are in progress to establish a health center at the school, commencing in August, 2022. This is a joint project with UGA. It will be initially located in trailers which will need to be located where they do not interfere with the construction plans.

**School C/Easom:** No change. Student numbers continue to be monitored, along with new housing developments. Any growth in the School C area can be accommodated by use of the Whitehead Annex classrooms, vacated by HQ staff who moved to Prince Avenue.

**Cedar Shoals Fieldhouse:** Construction bids are due for return on April 19, with a view to reporting the outcome to the May BOE meeting and work commencing June 1.

**Early Learning Center Kitchen Extension:** The work is complete with the exception of a delay in the supply of the electrical panel required for the new kitchen equipment.

**HT Edwards Culinary Kitchen:** There is some delay with this project as a review of the HT Edwards facility five-year plan takes place. The culinary kitchen is part of that review.

**Facilities Review:** Discussions are being held with Plant Services to review systems/equipment such as HVAC, security and emergency generators that may require replacement and could be funded from the Systems Renewal part of the ESPLOST 5 program.

**Transportation & Technology:** Five buses (ESPLOST contribution \$500k) are on order for anticipated delivery in June. Technology will be reporting to the April BOE for approval of replacement staff computers using the balance of the technology ESPLOST 5 funds (about \$800k) and the balance from ESPLOST 6.

**COC Membership:** Alex Sams encouraged a renewed effort to seek out candidates to join the Committee.

**ESPLOST 6:** The \$75m bond sale is progressing. The Tier 1 projects for ESPLOST 6 are Cedar Shoals, Gaines, Alps and Cleveland Road. Those priorities were determined primarily by age of building systems and space requirements (i.e. use of trailers as classrooms). There was discussion on what might be done at Gaines. Although no detailed planning has yet been done it is likely that there will need to be additions to the building.

**Sales Tax Revenue:** The February collection was \$2.57m.

#### **Future Meetings**

Future meetings are scheduled for:

May 10, 2022

June 14, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.