

## ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** September 13, 2022 8:30 am in Room 136, BOE HQ, 595 Prince Avenue.

**Attendees:** Alex Sams            Mike Waldrup        Smith Wilson        Nancy Hart            Andrew Malec  
Erwin Greene        Tad MacMillan        Garrick Askew        Troy Basset            Gerald Arscott

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

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

**The agenda was changed** to take Item 4, COC membership, first to assist those who had to leave early.

**COC Membership** – Following discussion the Committee agreed unanimously to appoint Greg Davis and Leara Rhodes to the Committee. Alex Sams had discussed the process with Attorney Pruitt who had stated that appointments to the Committee were for the Committee’s decision only. The BOE had no role in such appointments.

**West Broad Campus:** No further information was available regarding the work group which is considering options for the use of the property. Smith Wilson expressed concern that the buildings should not further deteriorate and that the air systems should be on.

**Early Learning at Old Gaines:** Two major items, which have been delayed by supply-chain issues, remain to be completed. The playground will be started this week and the bus and car rider canopies in December.

**Board HQ:** Work on the building is complete. We are waiting for the County’s comments on the planning/re-zoning proposals for the two houses. Once that is settled, and the plat sizes determined, fences will be erected and the houses will be offered for sale.

**Clarke Middle School:** Construction Documents will be 75% complete by the end of this week. The architect is working on the external landscaping and this will be presented to the next Local Building Committee (LBC) which will also consider the internal finished and color scheme. A request was made for all COC members to be given an invitation to the LBC meeting. A review of traffic patterns and dismissal procedures has been conducted with the school to ensure a good understanding of the proposed traffic and pedestrian flows. The plan is to go out for competitive bids for construction this fall, with work commencing in January, 2023.

The Committee felt that it was important for Alps Elementary to have a good understanding of what was being proposed so that they could respond to questions from their parents when the work commenced. Accordingly it was suggested that Alps staff and parents should be aware of the next LBC meeting. Discussions had been held with Plant Services and the Custodial Department concerning “always open” restrooms for the public when

using the external facilities. Both Departments felt that it would not be practical to maintain such facilities. The COC concurred.

The medical clinic has now begun operating in temporary modular building. This is run by UGA and funded by a UGA grant.

**School C/Easom:** No change. The October student numbers from the DOE will be reviewed for any implications for new developments.

**Cedar Shoals Fieldhouse:** Work is progressing well with the slab and foundations complete. Steel delivery is anticipated next week. Discussions have taken place with the Athletics Director and coaches regarding flooring and finishes. FF&E for the project is approximately \$300,000, much of which is for fitness equipment.

**HT Edwards Culinary Kitchen:** The architect is completing the design. The intention is to identify equipment and materials which have a long lead time and bid these in advance, so that they can be ordered and ready for the commencement of building work in May, 2023. Building work will not be fully completed in the 2023 summer break and the Career Academy have plans to handle that.

**Clarke Central Softball Storage:** The internal work is complete and being utilized by the softball team. The roofing contractor is due to complete the roof starting next Monday.

**Facilities Review:** The staff had no further information to report. We are now in Year 1 of the 5-year plan. After Clarke Middle School the next project is Cedar Shoals renovation and discussions are planned with the school soon to begin the planning.

**Transportation & Technology:** Staff computers were ordered in April using the balance of ESPLOST 5 Technology funds (\$777k) and \$2.688m from ESPLOST 6. Delivery is understood to be imminent. The Transportation Department is beginning to consider their bus replacement requirements for next year. They have \$396k remaining from their ESPLOST 5 allocation and \$1m in ESPLOST 6.

**Sales Tax Revenue:** The July collection was \$2.69m. This was the first ESPLOST 6 collection. It was noted that although revenues continue to be at a high level costs have also risen significantly.

#### **Future Meetings**

Future meetings are scheduled for:

October 11, 2022

November 8, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.