

E-SPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 9, 2021 8:30 am by teleconference.

Attendees: Alex Sams Andrew Malec Lara Mathes Greg Davis Patricia Yager
Rick Parker Mike Waldrip Smith Wilson Nancy Hart Xernona Thomas
John Gilbreath Troy Basset Gerald Arscott

New Board Member Dr Mumbi Anderson attended as a guest.

Staff Reports: Copies of the following were distributed:

- January, 2021 Meeting Summary
- February, 2021 SPLOST Monthly Report
- February, 2021 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- February, 2021 Construction Schedule
- December, 2020 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend
- December, 2020, 2020 SPLOST 5 Financials
- December, 2020 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections

Public Safety Radio: The work is complete. The Fire Department has checked and approved the installations. Arrangements are being made with Plant Services to ensure that the required annual performance check is done.

Cedar Shoals Track: Work on the top coat is continuing but hampered by weather. The track surface has to exceed a certain temperature for the top coat to adhere. It is hoped to complete Cedar Shoals by the end of February. The top coat is blue at the request of the school. This involved additional cost which was included in a change order which also included some additional fencing requirements. The procedure for change orders is that below \$80k they are approved by officers; above \$80k they are reported to the Board for approval. All change orders are reported to the BOE and COC within the SPLOST Monthly Report.

Clarke Central Track/Field: Work on the concession stand is virtually complete and punch list items are now being done. Equipment has been delivered and is ready to be installed. The track top coat will commence as soon as Cedar Shoals is finished. The contractor has been asked to use two crews in order to speed up the work. Completion is anticipated by the end of March, but this is subject to weather conditions. Close liaison with the Athletics Director will be required when the track work is being done.

Board HQ: An RFP for the renovation work has been issued, with a return date of February 23. CM at risk is being used because it is more appropriate for this type of project where unanticipated work is bound to arise as the work proceeds. With CM at risk all unused contingency sums come back to the owner. Drawings by the architect are 50% complete and it is anticipated that they will be 90% complete by the end of February. The plan is to report to the BOE in March with a recommendation to purchase the property and to gain approval for the renovations CM. Piedmont are due to vacate on March 31 and renovation work will then start immediately. The budget from E-SPLOST funds is \$8.2m for the purchase and \$5m for renovations. An additional sum of \$2.7m is available from the Capital Projects Fund, which is primarily proceeds from the sale of Mitchell Bridge Road.

The approach is to fit staff into existing spaces and minimize any building changes unless absolutely necessary. Work will include Asbestos Abatement and Lead paint removal, Life Safety and ADA requirements, replacement of windows in the Chapel and Commons buildings and the formation of a security vestibule. The HVAC systems

will be upgraded to meet current Ashrae requirements for fresh air intake and will also include installing ionization units. A significant cost will be a new elevator which will need to have six stops for three floors, due to differences in levels between the floors in the two main buildings. Some bathroom installations and adaptations will be required to meet ADA requirements. A copy of the plans will be sent to COC members.

Clarke Middle School: The site survey will be completed by the end of February. The next LBC meeting, to consider design style and site layout, is being planned and will likely be held in person, with the option to follow virtually. The COC urged that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that no complications arise from the proximity of the cemetery.

West Broad Campus: Plans are being made for the local building committee to meet in person, probably at Whitehead Annex, by the end of February.

School C: Student enrollment numbers and County issued occupancy certificates are being monitored. At this stage there is no justification to proceed with School C.

Facilities Review: The five-year plan for the Department of Education is being finalized. This is then reviewed by a state organized review panel, prior to being reported and approved by the Board. This feeds into the E-SPLOST 6 program. For E-SPLOST 6 the "Tier 1" schools (i.e. those that have reached their 20 year age limit for replacement of systems) are being reviewed in detail and all schools are being asked for input to address education program needs. The proposed program will then be reported to the Board. Indications are that \$22m (compared with \$20m in E-SPLOST 5) will be required to maintain the Technology program. There was discussion on the extent to which the school district is able to contribute to extending broadband coverage to areas where it is limited or non-existent. It was noted that we are limited to meeting K-12 needs. It was also noted that the County has a SPLOST project to enhance broadband connectivity across the County.

Transportation & Technology: Five propane powered buses are on order, using E-SPLOST 5 funds of \$500k.

COC Membership: An application from Mr. Erwin Green was considered. He has children in the school system and was on the local building committees for Barnett Shoals and Hilsman. He is the Facilities Manager for the UGA Department of Theatre and Film Studies. He is also an independent lighting designer for plays and musicals. It was felt that he could make a valuable contribution to the COC. Smith Wilson proposed, and Mike Waldrip seconded, a proposal that Mr. Greene should be put forward to the Board. This was agreed unanimously. The Superintendent will take this to the March BOE. A request was made for the application form to be amended to provide a section for employment. Alex Sams asked COC members to continue looking for potential new members.

Sales Tax Revenue: The December figure was \$2.5m, which was 6% higher than the December figure for 2019. This means that the average for the last 12 months, excluding the special audit collection of \$1m in August, is over \$2m. Capital Outlay money of \$172k was received in January for BHL.

Future Meetings

It was suggested that, with students and teachers returning to in-class learning, it would be appropriate for the next COC meeting to be held in person, with provision for virtual attendance for those who preferred that. John Gilbreath will make the arrangements. Future meetings are scheduled for:

March 9, 2021

April 13, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.