

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes 9-12-22

Attending: J. Ponds, C. Hunt, D. Cantor, E. Scherzer, P. Church, W. Ross (PSA) , A. Kahn (McManimon, Scotland) T. Thomas (PTAC), E. Mandery (Invest in Montclair)

PSA Report- Will Ross reported that we have informed the DOE that we have accepted the PEC letters as drafted and asked them for Final letters which we expect to get in 2-4 weeks. We are also waiting for approved stamped drawings from the DOE. Will also agreed to redo the PowerPoint presented to the BOE in April.

Bond Counsel Report- All necessary election materials are in the County's hands The County may ask for assistance in setting up local elections. No follow up is needed at this time by our financial consultant. A. Kahn also talked about the advantages and disadvantages of scheduling large meetings or a number of smaller ones. She also reviewed the early voting and mail in ballot schedules for the Nov 8 election.

Invest in Montclair Report – E. Mandery reported that Invest in Montclair has Started a GoFundMe site and is hoping to raise \$5000. He reported that contributions can be made anonymously. He spoke about the plans for an organizing meeting on Sept 21 as well as plans for future canvassing and phone banking.

P. Church spoke about the need to bring other BOE members up to speed on all Bond issues so that they can be effective spokespeople in the community.

There was a discussion about Community schools and the Property Tax Freeze Act which is available to some low-income families.

It was agreed that the education campaign on the Community Investment Bond would begin during the Superintendent's Report at the Sept 19th BOE meeting and would be followed up with one or two town hall meeting's perhaps in the High School, Glenfield or Hillside.

D. Cantor agreed to put together a calendar and a plan by the end of this week. We discussed meetings and a weekly calendar of events. He also suggested outreaching to set up a meeting w reporters and will work on the script for public events.

There are other events that the Committee is already invited to including:

LWV – Sept 28th -Zoom meeting

SEPAC meeting on Sept 26th MNDC meeting on either- Sept 29 or Oct 6,

Pete Yacobellis ' town hall on Oct 12 at the Art Museum

We discussed meetings to be set up with various other groups including the NAACP, Both clergy associations, area realtors.

Construction Manager - A timeline for preparing an RFP for a construction manager Was discussed and W. Ross will begin assembling materials to help us plan for releasing that right after the bond proposal is approved.

The Committee agreed to reconvene on Monday morning – Sept 19 to review the plans and messaging to date. Time is likely to be before 10 am.

Community partners left the meeting

The Committee discussed the Watchung Playground and were informed that the equipment is properly set and that the wood chips were delivered and that the entire project should be completed this week

Insurance reimbursement – C. Hunt reported that we have received insurance monies to repay the district for the damage caused by the hurricanes last year and that floors at Glenfield and Hillside are being replaced.