



## Mellon Administrative Center

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### **ROC Meeting Minutes December 4, 2018**

Attendees: See sign-in sheet.

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

- Committee members introduced themselves. The goals of the committee were read, and the scope and guidelines were read.
- The committee will meet once each quarter, generally on the first Monday of the month. The September 2018 meeting will be on the second Monday, since the first Monday is Labor Day.
- Ms. Rains Lowe asked if there would be a Historic American Buildings (HAB) survey done of any of the properties around Central High School. She will provide contact information to District staff of someone who can answer questions about that.

#### **Projects/Budgets**

- The committee discussed the flexibility of the budgets shown. Currently, the project team is treating the budgets as firm, but legally there is flexibility, especially since the District is using \$25 million of its own funds for the work. If there are any significant surpluses in any project at the end, this committee can help decide how to reallocate those funds.

#### **Central and Centennial High School**

- The bids for demolition of properties will be divided into separate packages. This is because the timeline is different for each property, based on the staging of the project, and also because smaller bid packages allow a greater diversity of contractors.
- The project team has been in contact with City staff regarding streets that may be vacated, as well as discussing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the entire series of projects.
- Technology and Engineering Education may be a better term than Careers and Technology Education.
- There was discussion of land banking for the future. The District is considering how to explore opportunities for future expansion. At both high schools, the District is committed to a cap of 1,700 students. It might be advantageous to put this into our policy.
- The committee discussed the fact that large, common spaces at the high school can help market the District and the City, but that the classroom and academic spaces are what really make the difference for students.

- There was discussion of where Central will play football. Athletics tend to be a volatile issue in this community, and people have strong opinions. Whatever the solution is, it will be discussed openly and with sensitivity. The Central football booster proposals have been non-monetary.

#### **Dr. Howard**

- The District's plan is to vacate James Street between Church and University. There is no firm site plan yet. The school will move to Columbia Center after the end of the 2017-18 school year, and move to their new building for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.

#### **Spalding Park**

- The Champaign Park District (CPD) will be financially responsible for the walkways and the lighting. It will have a fence surrounding the property during construction. Security has been part of the discussions between the District and CPD. CPD owns the property and the District is making improvements on it. The District will be responsible for maintaining the fields.

#### **Series 2017 Bond Issue**

- Attorney Tom Lockman discussed the bond issue. The first issue will close at the end of this week. The initial indications are that the district will get a very good rate and this may enable Unit 4 to pay back the bonds early. The District will not know the property tax impact until the spring, but most likely, the rate will be below what the district assumed at the time of the referendum.

**Next Meeting will be held on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 pm.**



**REFERENDUM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 4, 2017 @ 5:30 PM**  
**Mellon Board Room**

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