

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting:

May 4, 2015

Present:

Dr. James Morse, Todd Allen, Corey Parker, Kenny Rotner, Ben Genes, Bob Barth, Sophie Web, Evan Gordon

Missing:

Kevin Gardner, Cathy O'Brien, Karen Larson

Suggested Draft Charge presented by Dr. Morse:

To put together an action plan that encompasses all community interests so that a athletics fields warrant article presented to the voters in March 2016 receives more than 60%.

DM- the intention of this group is to share the burden over the next year with multiple sub committees in that time to assist in research and present to the school board in November.

Encourage the group to take advantage of the multiple events within the community to promote and aware more people to get this bond past.

"Big Tent Philosophy"

- Everybody should be inside the tent, creating 1 communication stream with everybody to ensure all information is accurately passed around the district.

DM- The entire school board is behind this project and wants the SAU to be a supportive component in this process.

DM- This project is really a total fields project, not just one part, although it might have started as a track fundraiser 18 years ago we really are trying to encompass all programs with this upgrade. Because of our small footprint, the turf field is crucial in the entire project as that is such a big part of all our teams in utilizing that space.

Safety issue is a real concern also with the current alignment of our baseball field.

Outside of the 2M project include:

Bleachers, Lights, Walkway

Initial bond was the 1.7M amount with \$300,000

the board feels the scope of the project should remain the same.

Suggesting that we don't entertain the debate for crumb rubber and look at the alternative option to avoid the concern of many voters. In DM's opinion there are many votes out there if we proceed on this project as an environmentally safe option.

Historically if we can keep the usual 63-67% that vote in favor of the school budget to approve this project we will be successful.

A lot of work that needs to be done needs to start now to continue to get the voice out there and gain traction to this project. Continuously planting a seed on supporting this project.

TA- The issue we need to express that we don't have any alternative issue in producing a practice/ game field environment without purchasing additional property and making it a field. It is a bigger use issue than the environmental concern. No matter what kind of grass it is it will not be sufficient as that field is overused to support all our programs.

KR- We have to look at a sustainable options to compare what we are trying to create.

BB- some other areas where we lost votes was the decreasing amount of oxygen by removing the grass.

TA- It is really important to define the options accurately (ex. We currently have a field and it isn't accurate to compare to the amount of trees that would have to replace the environmental impact of a regulation size field)

DM- Going to the towns asking about out we can environmental trade off

BB- Would we be able to utilize the facility for the following?

- Special education classes
  - Middle school usage
  - elderly
  - Heat concerns with the crumb rubber

BG- Should we look at the carbon footprint of the project

DM- Suggestion of 3 sub committees:

1. Communication (Todd Allen)
2. Finance (Dr. Morse)
3. Sustainable Design Committee (Corey Parker)
  - a. Carbon footprint
  - b. Turf fill
  - c. Sustainable design

BG- can't apologize for the turf, but we are looking at all sustainable options, and this drives behavior US Business Council for Sustainable Design (USBCSD)

We need to look at connecting as much as possible with all community members as sustainability is a growing concern especially in ORCSD

EG- Yes, we may not have all areas completely sustainable, but we are trying to maximize the areas where we can make all sustainable.

DM- hopefully this project can set the tone for the new design process for turf field projects

BB- Do you think the community is stressed about additional fundraising from the same people again? We need to reach out and connect with community members with funding available to make sizeable donations.

TA- We felt if/when the project passed it would be easier to fundraise once it has passed and give additional funds for finishing touches

DM- propose to the board to move \$100K from school budget to pay for the baseball/softball field work  
Propose to the board to use the insurance money to offset the costs for the turf addition for the fill  
By doing those 2 things we hope to bring down the overall bond amount but also remove the crumb  
rubber concern. By doing this hopefully we are able to get the project down to \$1.5M cost to the  
taxpayers.

DM- Delivery of our work should be presented at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for school board. Will need  
to see the finance package, and sustainable design in connection with this project.  
Through the presentation that allows 3 solid months to use the presentation in marketing the project  
until the vote in March.

Hopefully through the main committee to work with the 3 sub-committees

The intent is to work all together through the 3 sub committees and work together to unilaterally get  
the same voice out to the public.

TA- The outside support group plans to continue to work through the next 10 months in promotion of  
this project.

DM- Finance and sustainable committee should happen rather quickly and then all efforts shift to  
communication committee with all hands in to promote and have 1 message out to the district.

- Sense from the board is to hurry up and go stage, but we do need time to process on why it  
didn't succeed and provide different prospective on how we can appeal to the voters in a  
different way
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BB- What would ORYA's involvement be and would they be able to use it.

BG- Use of the ORYA communication and database to promote the project and use the events with  
ORYA to use the promotion "Road Show" to promote this project.

BG- College town is a blessing and a curse, and we need to educate people that although the fields at  
UNH are great, there are many limitations (availability/cost) in being able to use them.

Assignment Committee:

Kenny Rotner- Communication

Bob Barth- Sustainable Committee

Ben Genes- Sustainable Committee, Finance

Evan Gordon- Sustainable Committee

Sophie Webb- Communication, Sustainable

Need to connect with Kevin, Cathy and Karen as to what sub committee's they want to participate with.  
Each subcommittee should start reaching to each other and bring feedback to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Also  
each subcommittee should try to connect with key community members who can assist within each  
subcommittee.

**June Meeting Date for Steering Committee- Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm @ ORHS**