

Local Planning Committee, 7-13-16

Members present: Bari Douglas, Dal Harper, LaMonte Nolan, Melissa Bacon, Killian Timoney, Myron Thompson, Brandi Peacher,

Debbie Boian welcomed everyone to the meeting. Then she introduced Tim Eaton from KSBA who has been hired to facilitate the process.

He explained that the group would be going over Orientation 1 (attachment 1), Orientation 2 will be coming from Kentucky Department of Education at a future meeting. Currently architects are doing inventories and assessments to be sent to KDE and will be reviewed by committee. The fiscal agent for the district will go over the bonding capacity of the district which will drive the implementation of the plan.

After that brief explanation of the process, Myron asked that members introduce themselves.

Tim proceeded with the orientation – explained how the plan process would impact Fayette County decisions.

Question – who are the firms who did the surveys and why were they chosen? Bill Wallace responded that the firms chosen were Clotfelter-Samokar, EOP and JRA, they were chosen because they had last worked on the facilities on the list and would be most familiar with conditions. That familiarity would better allow them to spot any negative changes in condition.

How were the schools that will be included decided - was that a district decision? Bill responded that the district looked at overcrowding, schools that have needs in terms of instruction or safety, any that had life cycle issues. Myron remarked that in a perfect world with 60 buildings there should be at least 2-3 buildings under renovation every year, but in a growth district there is a need to address overcrowding first and then to determine needs in existing facilities. Those have been the priorities for the previous committees. We are fortunate that the community approved a growth nickel in the past that we are able to use to increase our bonding capacity. Those funds have enabled us to do much more than we would have been able to without.

Question - What are the consequences to not getting the plan done? There are no real consequences from Frankfort, but the public perception consequences are great, as well as the potential of losing dollars that may be allocated by the legislature.

Tim reviewed the format of the plan and explained the way projects are prioritized. Bill went over some of the priority 1 and priority 2 items to clarify for the group which projects had been completed and which had not.

Question - Life safety what is that? Bill commented that in terms of the plan language it is anything in the facility that creates a safety issue. In terms of Fayette County presently it means a secure entrance for students and staff. A secure entrance is the thing that is most common to all the projects noted on our current plan (a secure vestibule). One in which entry into office is the first stop prior to being able to enter facility. Our newer facilities have that arrangement, but our older facilities do not. We are recognizing that this is a need in our facilities and have provided for it in our plan.

Tim concluded the orientation by remarking that every facility in Fayette County that he has been able to visit has been very clean and well maintained.

Debbie then led a group discussion about meeting time and place. The group decided by consensus to moving the time to 5:30 p.m. The July and first August meetings would continue to take place at the Warehouse, but then the group was interested in holding meetings in some of the schools on the plan.

The meeting was turned over to Tim for nomination of the chair – Killian Timoney M

Mr. Timoney then took nominations for vice chair. Bari Douglas was nominated for vice chair – elected unanimously

Mr. Timoney adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Next meeting: July 20, 2016, Russell Cave Warehouse, 5:30 p.m.