

**Half-Cent Oversight Committee Meeting**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**March 27, 2023 at 4 p.m. (District Office – Boardroom)**

**WELCOME**

Chairman Brian Scarborough called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members present: Karen Alford, Jennifer Boe, Tom Mason, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, John Roberts, Brian Scarborough, Karl Smith, Steven Vann

Members absent: Scott Costello, Karen McCann, Carolyn Webber

District members present:

Shane Andrew, Superintendent

Suzanne Wynn, Dir. Community Planning, Concurrency and Major Construction

Alex Rella, Chief of Finance

Jamarr Akins, Community Engagement Coordinator

Patty Underwood, Communication/Community Initiatives

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Karl Smith

Seconded by Steven Vann

to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023.

Upon Vote: Motion Passed

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Gave an update on Westwood's progress and the underground fuel tank that was uncovered. They are working on getting it cleaned up and hopefully it won't throw the timeline off by too much. Tank was found under the old cafeteria which is just north of the media center.

Littlewood project is still under review by DOE.

Met on the Strategic Planning process on planning, implementation, envisioning.

Spot Rezoning: Started the process with a community input meeting last week (3/23/23) at Terwilliger Elementary. There are at least four more input sessions scheduled in this rezoning process. The schools involved are Chiles, Hidden Oak, Terwilliger and Meadowbrook. If all is approved then the rezoning will take effect on August, 2023.

?What is happening to the old Terwilliger property? To be determined. There have been requests by some and suggestions made.

**FACILITIES UPDATE:**

Suzanne Wynn reviewed with everyone the Capital Improvements Projects Update presentation:

Talked about the delay at Westwood concerning the underground fuel tank. Don't know yet how long it will be. Had to call in the Environmental Services and get them on board. The tank was empty but there had been leakage and there was contamination in the soil. Soil results have been sent to a lab for analysis and they need to find out how widespread the contamination is. \$1,000,000 in cost so far, before the delay in construction.

Alex is pursuing insurance reimbursement from an insurance policy. Foundation for building 21 is an issue at the moment. The wall raising has been postponed to coincide with another wall raising to save money on renting a crane.

If there is groundwater contamination, which is 60' below surface, then the cleanup becomes more involved. It will take money and time, lab results will be evaluated Friday.

?Can we check out Gainesville High before construction begins?

Plans are being reviewed for Littlewood Elementary at this time.

The castaldi for Hawthorne Middle High moved forward to April 4. In question is the cost to renovate vs. the cost of demolition.

The \$50,000 allocated to schools has been completed and a good portion has been spent at this time.

?Hard bids and GMP's were discussed. Are we seeing an increase or decrease. Is the "scope" of the bids smaller?

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Chief of Finance, Alex Rella, went over the financial update report handout.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.