

HHS Community Engagement

Aug 30th, 2016



Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Who we are
- Why we are here
- Update & Brief History
- Breakout Groups
- Reconvene & Brief Group
- Follow-Up & Next Meeting
- Other Items & Questions

Facilitation Team

- Who we are....
- Why we are here....
- Requesting Assistance.....

The Process

State Wide – April 2009 building & construction
referenda pass rate

12% Passed

Why is it almost “Impossible”?

- Opposition to property taxes is high
- There will always be opposition
- Trust in leadership is low
- People want a voice, with social media they easily have one
- Easy to vote “NO”

A Potential Solution

**Community
Engagement
Process**

Facilitation of **Community Engagement?**

- Community Engagement
 - Involves a large number of people
 - True dialogue resulting in consensus
- Community Engagement – The Why
 - Develop “proposed” plan
 - Facilitate a process for public review & comment

What is **Community Engagement**?

Transparent

Proactive

Bottom-up Approach

Community Involved from Start to Finish

Community as Decision-Makers

Both a Process & an Outcome



Why does **Community Engagement** **work?**

- Community members discover problems first-hand
- Answer tough questions
- Diversity of ideas (solutions)
- Best ideas raise to the top
- Community owns the plan
- Vehicle for two-way communication

Brief History

- 2008 Task Force formed to address HHS building issues
- 2009 Task Force & BOE selected FGM Architects to provide services for the project
- Oct 2009 After several public meetings, working sessions the TF submitted an official recommendation to the BOE.
- Cost estimates obtained \$27M - \$32M
- Nov 2009 BOE passed resolution to put a referendum on the ballot not to exceed \$32M for the HHS Project

Brief History Continued

- Feb 2010 Referendum failed by 276 votes
- After referendum the BOE paused due to budget cuts
- Discussion were ongoing looking at different options detailed, in-depth renovations all at no cost
- 2014 – 2015 the BOE again took up the issue, held several public meetings & solicited input
- Nov 2015 three project concepts were presented by FGM Architects with diagrams

Brief History Continued

- Concept A - Renovation of Existing Buildings – 3 Phase Plan - \$33.5M
- Concept B - Addition, Renovation & Demolition – 2 Phase Plan - \$30M
- Concept C – New Construction & Demolition – 2 Phase Plan \$35M
- With Public Input the BOE placed Concept C with a revised estimate of \$34.5M on the Mar 2016 Ballot

Impossible

“Impossible only means that WE haven’t found the solution yet”

Anonymous

Break-Out Group Discussions

- Group Guidelines
- Reconvene & Brief Group on Discussions
- Follow-Up & Next Meeting
 - Thursday Sep 22nd or Sep 15th??
- Other Issues & Questions?

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Other Questions & Issues!

