

Strategic Planning and Advisory Council November 9, 2004 Minutes

Members Present: Milda Anker, Jane Barnes, Karen Black, Vince Chowdhury, Tom Darnell, Joseph Decker, Jim Duffenmeyer, Mary Everson, Linda Fedak, John Foster, Lone Gillis, Irene Greco, Brenda Greaves, Deb Guzman, Nancy Henderson, Doug Gallagher, Carl Gilmore, Barbara Gunders, Ann Meyer, Lynn Huzing, Shirley Johnson, Bob Lewis, Sharon Lindemann, Rick Myles, John Oberbeck, Pat O'Leary, Steve Otto, Sherida Peterson, James Robinson, Ken Rubke, Bill Rowley, Rick Rush, Jeff Shindler, Cindy Stevenson, Courtney Tucker, and Dave Wischman
Secretary: Dianne Davis

Members Absent: Debbie Ardourne, Stacey Browne, Ron Burns, Randy Crask, Stan Dempsey, Stan Dunphy, Connie Gray, Diane Hills, Gwori Lipkie, Casey Mahon, Debba Millard, Tom Smerud, Bill Yoder, and Paul Wells

Bill Rowley opened the SPAC meeting by thanking all the volunteers who helped with the mill/bond issue 3A & 3B. He announced an election volunteer reception at Copper Fields Event Chateau (4901 Marshall, Wheat Ridge) on Monday, November 15 from 5:30-7:00 PM for those who volunteered their time.

Rick Rush spoke briefly of the work to be done for the evening's meeting.

Cindy Stevenson spoke to the post election district views. She applauded the poll numbers of 60 percent for 3A, 40 percent opposed; 57 percent for 3B, 43 percent opposed. She credited terrific leadership and great communication efforts in the passage of the mill and bond. She thanked SPAC members in the success of the mill and bond.

3A Mill - Cindy emphasized that Jeffco will continue to be efficient and effective with our budget. We committed to voters not to return for 5 years for more money. We must be fiscally prudent, keep our promises and know that this mill will not solve all of our issues. Our promise to not increase class size and keep electives in our high schools will be met. The need to continue budget reductions in some areas still exist.

3B Bond - Reinvesting in our neighborhoods! We were able to convince our more mature community members in Jeffco that housing and property values depended on quality schools and communities. Most of the money voted for the bond will go into established neighborhoods, building for kids. Again, this bond money will not solve everything and the improvements that will be made will not happen all at once.

Colorado Law Regarding District Accountability Committees -- SPAC Legal Requirements - Are we meeting our legal requirements for SPAC? According to Cindy, we do very well!

Cindy presented the two legal responsibilities we have to meet:

1. Make recommendations to the Board relative to the program of accountability - it shall be the responsibility of the Board to implement the program of accountability. **Advisory to the District Strategic Plan.**
2. Make recommendations to the Board relative to the prioritization of district expenditures. **Advisory to the Budget Reductions.**

Cindy let it be known that we exceed standards in both areas. We were not compliant in an additional area, as we needed a citizen chair. With Rick Rush's appointment to chair of SPAC in September, we are now compliant!

Carol Eaton gave a presentation on Enrollment Trends. The categories presented were:

- Overview of Student Enrollment Trends
- Enrollment Trends by Ethnicity