

CITY OF GREENBELT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

PRESENT: ACE Members: Theresa Bugg, Jon Gardner, Sudhanshu Sinha, and Staff Liaison Wendy Wexler. City Councilmember Leta Mach was also present.

Veronica Martin-Frederick showed up as the meeting was ending.
Lauretta Baugh had sent an email that she was taking a leave of absence until September for health reasons.
Don Rich was out of town.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM, but because we did not have a quorum, no formal actions could be taken and there was only discussion about various things.

► City Council Work Session: Leta reported on their meeting with the PGCPs as represented by Mr. Taylor, their architect. The discussion was in regards to the status of the GMS renovation project – and specifically about ideas for the historic portions of the building. Leta again suggested the “community School” concept and there did not appear to be other viable suggestions. The architect would like to have final ideas by June 2011 so he can have a year to incorporate them into the plan

► Science Club: Following a discussion about next year it is decided that Wendy will send Jacob Tosado an email asking him about his interest in conducting a second club meeting each month – same curriculum but additional Greenbelt location.

► Reading Club: Everyone continues to believe that changing the time of the Club is likely to bring in more students. ACE is trying to make it an after school program. Sudhanshu has been communicating with the SHL Principal to see if we can identify a school teacher who would be interested. It is suggested that we also look towards advertising. Wendy will look to see if we still have the ad from last time. If so, we will advertise in the News Review and at the University of Maryland and on list serves.

► Newsletter: Although the Newsletters have been really well done, they are NOT being done on time. It is decided to revisit this topic in August.

► Although a number of people have asked for it, we do not yet have a time line for the next year Grant Applications. Jon says he will distribute this via email.

► GMS New Principal: City Council had sent a letter to Dr. Hite again reinforcing and supporting the new plan for community input into this process. Leta then reported that with but a few hours notice, Silke Pope was asked to come to participate on a panel.

She reported that there were four strong candidates.

► ERHS Science-Tech Program: ACE discussed what they could do to help deal with the reduction in hours for the Coordinator position of the Science-Tech Program (from 12 months to 10 months and the elimination of their secretarial position.

(Note: following the meeting the ERHS PTSA President Vijay Kowtha stopped by to report that through advocacy measures both positions had been reinstated.)

► Labor Day Prep: Jon reminds us that he will not be participating but all believe that things should already be pretty much in place. Wendy will send out all the invitations to the ACE Award winners (students and educators) in July and will follow up on that. Alla has promised to complete the online registration process. Don will be the point person the morning of the parade (with hopefully other ACE members present to back him up). He will take the Banner from Wendy at the August meeting and arrange to get the little red wagon "bus" from Jon.

Theresa suggests we put together a "handbook" on how to do handle all the parade prep and offers to start working on that.

► Next Meeting: as we did not have a quorum present for this meeting we were unable to have the ACE Election for Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. Since ACE does not meet in July, these elections will be held at our August meeting. As Vice Chair, Alla will facilitate that meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of April 27, 2010 approved as is.

ACE CALENDAR – Please let Wendy know if you are NOT able to attend.

Unless noted all meetings will now take place in the Second Floor City Council Room, City Municipal Building.

JULY – no Meeting

8/24.....Regular Monthly Meeting: 7 PM

9/6.....Labor Day Parade

9/28.....Regular Monthly Meeting: 7 pm
