

Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board

Special Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2016

4:00 PM

Present

Chair Tom Richards, Charles Benincasa, Allen Williams, Wayne Williams, Mike Schmidt, Ineabelle G. Cruz and ICO Brian Sanvidge. Vice Chair Bob Brown was away. Also present were: Mayor Lovely Warren, City Council President Loretta Scott, and RJSCB Executive Director Tom Renauto

Chair Richards convened the meeting at 4:15 pm

Mayor Warren expressed concerns regarding the contributions made to Rochester Careers in Construction (RCCI) via the contractors working on the RSMP.

Tom Richards clarified that the dollars being discussed are those that are contributed by the contractors, .15 cents per hour worked, for RSMP projects. This is a requirement of the PLA.

UNICON is responsible for collecting the funds received through various PLA's and spending the money. The RJSCB does not have access to those records. A request was made for this information. It was noted that the response letter received from Aaron Hilger does not indicate any specific training.

It was made clear that the ROAR training program, run by the RJSCB, was not a part of the RCCI and the funds came from a different source.

Tom Richards stated that we will look to the Phase 2 PLA for more accountability for these contributions and to try to get more information regarding its use.

Loretta Scott stated that this project is about building communities and somehow the people who need it most never seem to get what is promised.

Tom Richards stated that the Phase 1 program did meet its diversity goals.

Mayor Warren stated that she is still concerned about the past even though she knows that Phase 2 and the future will be different.

Brian Sanvidge shared several reports with the Mayor and with Loretta Scott. Brian described the workforce participation totals for the overall program since inception. We have over 1.8 million hours worked on the project to date. Minority workforce accounts for over 22% and female workforce accounts for over 7%, both ahead of the 20% and 6.9% goals respectively.

Brian also explained the total dollars paid to workers. We now have data for every worker via certified payroll verification. We know which union/trade each person worked for and whether they are a City resident or a non-City resident. The total payroll for construction is over \$56 million.

The Mayor asked about the total construction dollars vs. the total project value of \$325 million. Tom Richards stated that the construction value is about \$260 million of the \$325 million. Of the \$260 million in construction we have verified that \$56 million went to labor. The labor component is approximately 20% of the total of the construction dollars.

Tom Richards described the Business Opportunities Program, the Revolving Loan Program, and the need to reduce the insurance requirement burden on the M/WBE firms.

Adjournment at 5:15pm
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