Minutes of the May 14, 2020 Facilities Advisory Committee:

The Facilities Advisory Committee of the Board of Education of District Township High School District 227 met virtual at 6:00 pm on May 14, 2020 via zoom conference.

**Attendees:** Andrea Bonds, Bill Wiley, H. Brummel, Tavia Allen, Andre Allen, Nicholas Hale, Marcus Chapman and Eric Perkins, Jay Ripsky, Jennifer Costanzo, Rob Martinelli, Johnnie Thomas, Kevin Baffoe, Alicia Evans

**Absent:** Mike Taylor

**Start** - 6:07 p.m.

**Welcome**

President Bonds welcomed everyone and introduced Jennifer Costanzo with STR and Rob Martinelli with Pepper to the group.

**Contractor Outreach**

The community/diversity outreach summary results were presented by Jay Ripsky from Pepper Construction, which included:

- 51 firms invited to bid
- 15 firms interested in bidding
- 6 firm submitted bids
- 28 firms declined to bid
- 8 firm never responded

One WBE (Alpine Demo) was a successful low-responsive bidder.

There was much discussion about the minority bidder outreach. Mr. Ripsky asked that if anyone knew someone that is interested in bidding on future projects to contact Pepper Construction to get the contractor on the list to be contacted. Mr. Hale began to discuss barriers, then he remarked he would email Dr. Thomas about the barriers. It was noted that the general contractors can work directly with minority contractors to allow them to participate in construction projects.
There are many benefits that come from developing personal relationships with project decision-makers, such as staff in public contracting offices, officials who award contracts and larger construction firms. Based upon the numbers presented it should be noted, zero dollars ($0) was awarded to MBE contractors. Which means $0 will be re-circulated in our community. Mr. Martinelli must show more effort with creating opportunities for MBE’s.

1. Attend pre-bid meetings
2. Get to know purchasing managers
3. Be a visible presence at public agency board meetings and hearings
4. Show up at trade shows or special MWBE functions.

These are all ways that contractors can stand out and show they are interested in what's going on at the various contracting agencies and that they are willing to take on work.

Mr. Martinelli briefly discussed the difference between the State of Illinois procurement process vs the way things are done in the City of Chicago. Specifically, he did not believe the Illinois Public Procurement Act provides an advantage or incentive program to MBE / WBE / DBE vendors and contractors like the City of Chicago and Capital Development Board of Illinois has in place.

**Bid Results- Stadium Package**

The stadium project bid summary was presented by Pepper Construction:

The total amount being recommended for the Rich Central High School – Stadium Improvements Bid Period #2 is $5,376,984. The Control Estimate for these 15 bid packages was $5,579,549. This bid period was ($202,565) under the budget.

**Progress Photos and Rendering**

The progress photos were displayed and discussed. The photos included the preparation and demolition work at Rich South.

The stadium and culinary arts renderings were displayed and discussed. The group had questions about the concession/ticket booth concepts and bleacher storage. It was noted that there are no locker rooms under the bleachers and the team will march in with the band. There was also a question about foot traffic around the concession stand since fans will double in size. It was noted that the area could not be redesigned since permitting and bidding had already commenced.

**Adjournment – 7:04 pm**

Next meeting – June 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm.