Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Facilities Advisory Committee:

The Facilities Advisory Committee of the Board of Education of District Township High School District 227 met virtually at 6:00 pm on September 10, 2020 via zoom conference.

**Attendees:** Andrea Bonds, Tavia Allen, Andre Allen, Nicholas Hale, Marcus Chapman, Eric Perkins, Alicia Evans, Mike Taylor, Johnnie Thomas, Steve Moore, Ty Steel, Jennifer Constanzo, Michael Henderson, and Matt Shank

**Start - 6:09 p.m.**

**Welcome** – Bonds welcomed the group and Mr. Michael Henderson (STR Partners) introduced himself to the group.

**Conceptual rendering of FAC campus fieldhouse/other** – Information about the fieldhouse, ticket plaza and booths were presented by Michael Henderson and Jennifer Constanzo (STR Partners)

**Close Out Summer Projects** – Close out information including photos were presented by Ty Steel and Steven Moore (Pepper Construction)

**Subcommittee Update on Minority Contractor Recruitment and Engagement**

Mr. Chapman discussed the update: Had calls/emails with SSMMA & BCOE reps to discuss their initiative to the Southland Development Authority for all municipalities in the Southland to officially adopt a "community first" approach to contracting workforce. It was suggested the same strategy be adopted by the Rich 227 school district and use BCOE as a resource for contractor and community outreach and to assist in program implementation.

MBE/WBE engagement and awareness opportunities is an interesting topic to many, considering all of the new industrial construction in the Southland currently, albeit these projects have contracts with little to no local MBE/WBE contractors. This includes; the communities of Markham, Country Club Hills, Tinley Park, Matteson, Orland Hills, and University Park. The mayors of each city are aware of the desire for local MBE/WBE organizations to be included and are now pushing for the program initiative "Community first" contracting as well.

Unfortunately, no data on framework was revealed, due to the fact that they are still finalizing the proposed initiative and working with feedback from key stakeholders. However, upon
completion they (BCOE rep) are willing to share the framework of this initiative with the district.

Lastly, Jay Ripsky (Pepper) is familiar with and is a supporter of the initiative as well. He may have additional information as things are finalized.

Approval of Minutes – August 2020 minutes were approved.

New Business/Other – The buildings and grounds director interviews will be conducted. The job was posted and closed.

Adjournment – 6:47 pm