

BOND UPDATE #92

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1. In last week's update, I said we were still on track to go out to bid with the high school project by the end of January. That remains true, as Cornerstone prepares to advertise the first of the major subcontractor bid packages very soon. These bid packages include such work as (a) demolition and abatement, (b) building structures, (c) concrete, (d) structural steel, (e) masonry, (f) windows, (g) elevators, (h) fire sprinklers, (i) mechanical systems, (j) electrical systems, (k) site development, (l) earthwork, and (m) paving. In total, there will be 17 bid packages, each of which will be awarded to the qualified subcontractor who submits the lowest price. This first round of bids will be due near the end of February. The next set of bid packages will be advertised in mid-February.
2. Getting the bid packages out now, with a February turnaround, means that we are anticipating a construction start date in May of 2021 (which is very exciting!).
3. Last Tuesday, January 19, the members of the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) held their regular monthly meeting. In addition to BOC members, district/school board representatives, and CSG project managers, participants in attendance included Dykeman Architects Managing Principal Tim Jewett and Cornerstone General Contractors Senior Project Manager/VP Sam Comer. During the meeting, BOC members discussed the following topics:
 - a. Displaying the FHS Finish Board, several preliminary drawings, and the dashboard for public review in Pioneer Pavilion at the Heritage Society's Lighted Walk Celebration in December.
 - b. Finding additional opportunities to provide the public with information about the project.
 - c. Verifying appropriate water meter and leak detection monitoring systems are included in the plans for the new high school.
 - d. Considering the current volatility of the steel market and how it might impact the project.
 - e. Reviewing the plan for dealing with ground water.
 - f. Reviewing the design of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems.
 - g. Reviewing expenditure reports for December 2020.
 - h. Receiving a report on conversations with the City of Ferndale related to meeting building standards and permitting.
 - i. Receiving a report on the safety, security, and critical maintenance bond project work being planned for summer of 2021.
 - j. Receiving a report on phasing plans for the construction of the new FHS project.
 - k. Seeking community contributions and/or corporate sponsorships for support with furnishing and equipping the new FHS.

- I. Elevating Joe Lupo from alternate status on the BOC to full voting member.
4. For more information about the work of the Bond Oversight Committee, visit their page on the district website at <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>.
5. We are still planning to focus our Every Thursday Facebook Live program on February 4, 2021 on the plans for the new Ferndale High School facility. This will give us another opportunity to provide the community with a progress report on the project; share the most up-to-date design documents, site plans, classroom layouts, and artists' renderings; and explain the phasing plan and timeline for construction and occupancy.

If you have questions or comments about any of this, please feel free to reach out to me or one of my colleagues.

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