

Progress Report Dashboard Concept – Austin/Becky

Becky reported out for Austin by explaining the dashboard concept to the Executive Committee. Austin is working with program directors to distill down some of the programmatic goals into a few, easy to follow graphics. This, in theory, would make following program milestones easier than referring to the work plan document. Given how much programs and their goals vary, Austin will be working to find “graphics of best fit” for each program. Tracking financials goals is a bit more straight-forward whereas tracking multi-year projects may require a bit more creativity.

The Board offered their thoughts and insights about the Executive Director’s Report and the idea of a dashboard.

Becky also asked for the Committee’s feedback on the Board Packet, its materials, and how it is delivered.

Org. Future Leadership Structure—Post Covid-19 – Steve A.

Steve began the next topic by acknowledging the workloads BSED team members have taken on over the past few months. Steve then asked the Board to consider the leadership structure of the organization. Steve offered the idea of a deputy director or an executive leadership team.

The Committee Members discussed the merits of both the deputy idea and the idea of a leadership team. They provided input on important considerations for both scenarios.

Other Hot Topics

Legislative Efforts

BSED has already held three Ad Hoc Legislative Committee meetings and will be holding another next week to further flesh-out our legislative priorities. Steve is asking that committee to parse through the MEDA Next Generation Project recommendations and pinpoint the ones we feel we should champion. Steve is hoping we will have a bit more clarity in the next 30 days as to what we will pursue.

Public Safety

Steve mentioned that the City Council will be making an ask of the taxpayers in the form of a Mill Levy to help shore up the City’s public safety funding. The situation is still evolving but the work is mostly going on at the City level. It should be acknowledged that the conversation has been a bit overshadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19

The Governor has asked for a meeting with our local elected officials to discuss the rise in COVID-19 cases in Yellowstone County. There has been some worry that Yellowstone County will have new restrictions imposed on them in the wake of the spike.

Big Sky to Sky Point Contract

Becky updated the committee on the status of the contract with Cushing Terrell for architectural services. An agreement has been reached and a bit above what was initially budgeted. That contract will be sent to the Federal EDA for their approval. There is an avenue for additional funding that we are pursuing in the form of Historic Tax Credits. This would bring additional capital to the project.

Executive Session: None

Public Comment: None

Adjourn:

Robin adjourned the meeting at 9:00am

Next Meeting – September 2nd, 2020