



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 04/24/19

NOTE: AT THE SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF EACH MONTH THE CBOC IS AGENDIZED 5 MNUTES TO REPORT TO THE BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY.
JUST AS AT THE MARCH BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD ADJOURNED THEIR APRIL 24 MEETING BEFORE THE CBOC REPORT COULD BE PRESENTED.

Since you last received a report from the CBOC back in February, we've conducted a lot of business.

I was here until midnight back in March waiting to give my report but all of a sudden, the meeting got itself adjourned. The information I had was time sensitive, but your meeting dragged on—as it so often does.

We held our regular CBOC meeting on March 14th and then a joint meeting with the Board on the 28th. And just last week we hosted another meeting

—the Solutions Team and the Building Trades Council—be required to apply to serve filling one of the other positions available to them. We also suggested that



actually discriminates against the rest of the residents who reside outside of the unincorporated areas. Reducing the number of positions on the CBOC is, we believe, in the best interests of the District.

We hope that the Board will give our recommendations due consideration and take prompt action.

We've had serious discussions about the benefits of a budget for the CBOC. We've bent over backwards this past 15 months to reduce the cost of the CBOC to the District. We use tablets as much as possible instead of printed agenda packets; instead of staff, we take and publish our own minutes of our meetings; and instead of staff, we put together the agenda packet. We're using free volunteer labor as much as we can so the District's money might stay in the classrooms to help our kids and teachers.

At the joint meeting we received the performance and financial audits, so we've met the mandated legal requirements.

We understand that the District is looking at a new contract with a firm that can help put together a lot of the reports that both the Board and the CBOC need. Several of our CBOC members will be attending a presentation in a couple of days so they might weigh in with their thoughts.

We also received a review of the work conducted by the Implementation Task Force to oversee the 112 recommendations that came as a result of the Forensic Audit.

As mentioned in my past report to the Board, the District relies heavily on attorney/client privilege to keep even the auditors from learning about the status of some of these issues. We disagree with the concept.

Before I retired I was successful in helping to administer billion dollar construction projects. What helped build this success was NOT surrounding myself with people who relied on finding ways why we couldn't do something. What I did was surround myself with people who would not



take NO for an answer, and would find ways around, over, under or even through any obstacle placed in front of them.

What we're suggesting is that you take a closer look at what you're trying to keep secret from the public and find a way to provide the necessary information WITHOUT divulging what needs to be kept confidential. If you look at it with an open mind, I'm betting that you'll find a way to be transparent to the community.

The alternative is for the public to continue to believe that you're hiding things from them—that you're conducting the affairs of the Bond Program in secret. And if you ever want to rebuild their trust, what you're doing right now will not get you the results you're looking for. When you have hard core supporters of the Bond Program that don't trust you, how do you think the ones with doubts feel about you?

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