

RESOLUTION No. 6881

Resolution Authorizing Improvements to and an Appropriation for the Roosevelt Grandstands and an Appropriation for the McDaniel Field House

RECITALS

- A. Roosevelt High School was one of the first PPS high schools to be redesigned and modernized and was one of the PPS high schools that was not gifted a new track and field or stadium with PPS funds, instead it raised its own funds to cover the majority of the track and field cost. As a result of the lack of funding and support, the Roosevelt community gave up its baseball seating to provide limited seating for the track and field grandstands with the promise of having baseball seating added when additional funds were available. To date that has not happened in terms of either grandstand or baseball seatings. The Roosevelt High School band sits on the track to play during games because there is not room in the stands for them.
- B. The existing **Roosevelt High School grandstands** have an approximate 800-person capacity. Improvements to the grandstands were not included in the RHS modernization when it re-opened in 2017. As PPS has marched forward modernizing its high schools, and athletic tracks and fields located on PPS property, most if not all have benefitted from new, enhanced grandstand capacity; it's time we made things right for the RHS community and give it a grandstand that is comparable to all the other schools in the PPS district.
- C. District staff has assessed the request by the Roosevelt community to increase the grandstands capacity to 1,500 for home spectators and to add 800 visitor seats on the opposite side of the field. The requested scope includes expansion of the existing home bleachers from 800 seats to 1,500 seats, the installation of a visitors' bleacher section with a seating capacity of 800 seats, and added secure storage under the existing home bleachers. The proposal would also add approximately 6,000 SF of building area for use as storage under the bleachers. This would require demolition of the existing concession building located adjacent to the home bleachers. The proposed project will require a Type III Conditional Use review.
- D. The new McDaniel Fieldhouse, initiated in 2019, is a 5000 sq. ft metal building designed for indoor training, practice, game simulation and clinics for all McDaniel high school and youth sports. Features include wall-to-wall synthetic turf, heating and insulation, bright LED lighting, four batting cages, garage-style doors and security doors. It was finished with landscaping, paver walkways and pad areas; however, the community has yet to gain occupancy due to an outstanding construction/installation balance.
- E. This was a challenging four-year project with excess permitting and engineering costs due to the handoff from the Fortis remodel, COVID delays and significant construction inflation. There were \$131,000 in unanticipated vendor costs, e.g., permits, turf, architect, etc. The Madison/McDaniel Alumni Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the McDaniel community raised more than \$400,000 for this project. Over 450 alumni donated to the project and several businesses donated labor and materials to support this community project. For the McDaniel community, it was a significant capital campaign.
- F. Of the \$683,000 total cost to build the fieldhouse, there is a final \$247,000 payment for final construction and installation work that must be made before occupancy can be granted. The 2024 Spring sports season started February 26, 2024.
- G. This will be an asset worth approximately \$1.4-\$1.6 million owned by PPS; for a small capital investment, it can be opened immediately for the use of McDaniel student athletes, a community that has been historically underserved by PPS.

RESOLVED

1. To provide the Roosevelt community and its teams and student athletes with an equitable stadium experience, the Board authorizes the expenditure of capital funds not to exceed \$2.5M to increase the capacity of the Roosevelt grandstands by 1500 seats. The additional 800 seats for the visitors and the structure beneath the stands will be considered in the potential 2024 bond project.

2. So that the completed McDaniel Fieldhouse Project is available to McDaniel student athletes and teams in time for the 2024 Spring sports season, the Board authorizes the expenditure of capital funds not to exceed \$247,000 for a final construction and installation payment to be made immediately.