

History of Rockville Mayor and Council Advocacy Richard Montgomery Elementary School#5

October 2010

- Mayor and Council received a tour from the Board of Education of overcrowded elementary schools in the Richard Montgomery Cluster and witnessed severe overcrowding issues in the RM Cluster elementary schools.

November 2010

- Former Mayor Marcuccio and former Councilmembers Britton and Pierzchala testified in support of the Cluster wide solution recommended by Dr. Weast in the FY12 Capital Budget and Amendments to the CIP to address severe overcrowding in RM Cluster elementary schools. It included the new RMES #5 and studying the feasibility of locating it at the former Hungerford Park Site.

February 2011

- Former Councilmember Britton and then Councilmember Newton testify at the County Council FY12 Capital Budget and FY11-16 CIP Amendment hearings in support of the BOE Adopted and Superintendent recommended RM cluster solution, including the new RMES#5.
- The remarks stated the City was pleased that the planning studies were underway. The results would support an MCPS funding request to the County for RMES#5 and other critical projects in the FY13 Capital Budget and the FY13-18 CIP and create a pathway forward for the RM cluster solution to be implemented.

February through May 2011

- MCPS establishes the RMES#5 Feasibility Advisory Committee, consisting of all community (including Rockville residents and RM Cluster PTA members) stakeholders. It held five community meetings. The Committee recommended the School Building Only option. The option to co-locate the school and the existing Children's Resource Center was not supported.

June 2011

- Mayor and Council adopted a resolution to Support the School Only Design Option for the Proposed New RMES#5. The main features follow:
 - "In strong support of the new elementary school in the RM Cluster as soon as possible to alleviate overcrowding;
 - Supports the "school only" design option for the proposed new RMES#5 option"
- The resolution referenced the RM Cluster PTA's (including the Twinbrook Parent Teacher Association) resolutions adopted in support of the School Building only option and "against the co-location for Montgomery County Office Space with the proposed RMES#5."

October 2011

- MCPS releases the Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5 Feasibility Study to Dr. Starr, which would inform his decision to the BOE on how to proceed. The study referenced the recommendation of the Feasibility Advisory Committee to implement the school only building option.

November 2011

- Former Mayor Marcuccio, former Councilmembers Britton, Pierzchala, and then Councilmember Newton testified at the Board of Education CIP Hearing in strong support of the Superintendent's Recommendation in his Proposed FY13 Capital Budget and FY13-18CIP for the new RMES#5 school and that that the school only option be built at the former Hungerford Park Elementary Site.

February 2012

- Councilmember Moore and former Councilmember Hall testify in support for the RMES#5 project and that it not be delayed from August 2015 to August 2017, as was recommended by the County Executive (CE) in his proposed FY13 Capital Budget and FY13-18 CIP.
- The delay was caused by the Montgomery County Executive's (CE) decision to build a new Children's Resource Center on the Broome School Site. The recommendation indicated this was being done so that the construction schedules of both projects could be coordinated so that no relocation costs would be incurred. The CE noted this approach would save the County \$3.45 million in relocation costs.

May 2012

- County Council adopts its FY13 Capital Budget and FY13-18 CIP with funding for a new Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5 at the former Hungerford Site to open in 2017 (two year delay from BOE August 2015 request) and the Julius West Addition project which would open in August of 2016.
- The Adopted County FY13-18 CIP also included funding for the CRC to relocate to the Broome site.

November 2012

- Former Mayor Marcuccio, Councilmember Moore, and former Councilmembers Hall and Pierzchala testified at the BOE FY14 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY13-18 CIP Amendments.
- Regarding RMES #5 the testimony stated "Rockville will also aggressively advocate with the County Executive and County Council that there be no delay in the construction of a new Children's Resource Center on the Broome School site. This project must proceed as quickly as possible in order for the new elementary school to open on schedule."

April 2013

- Former Mayor Marcuccio testified at the County Council FY14 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY13-18 CIP hearing in support for no delays to the RMES#5 and Julius West Middle School addition projects.

May 2013

- County Council adopts the FY14 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY13-18 CIP making no changes to the project schedules for RMES#5 and Julius West Middle School Addition.
- CRC relocation to Broom Site project remains in the County CIP.

November 2013

- Newly elected Mayor Newton and Councilmember Moore testify at the BOE FY15 Capital Budget and FY15-20 CIP hearing in support of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the RMES #5 project on the August 2017 schedule and the FY15 appropriation for architectural design to begin and other high priority MCPS capital projects.
- The testimony made the statement "it is absolutely imperative for the current project schedule to stay on track. It is equally important that there be no delays in the County's construction of a new Children's Resource Center on the Broome School site. This project must proceed as quickly as possible in order for the new elementary school to open on schedule."

February 2014

- Mayor Newton testifies at the County Council FY15 Capital Budget and FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program in strong support of the RMES#5 and other high priority MCPS capital projects to not be delayed.