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Mayor’s Comments - Booth Approval Process

To my friends and colleagues on the Board, respectfully, I would like to take a moment to share my deep concerns about the amount of time it is taking to satisfy the Conditions of the Resolution passed in September.

We are 12 ½ months out since the final design drawings were presented to the Board and residents.

Until these Conditions are met, the Board will not vote to allow the construction phase to begin. So far, Conditions A, B, D, H, L, K, and I, have been met and approved. Leaving J, which I believe will pass this evening.

Remaining are Conditions C, E, F, and G (which mostly relate to approving the vendors Terms & Conditions). Given our history, these will likely take two more months to pass clearing the way for a final vote (a total of 15 months)!

Specifically, my deepest concern is that the slow approval process is jeopardizing the project. For example, the 19 vendors that were awarded contracts last winter/spring are no longer required to honor their price (90-day guarantee), or delivery dates, or even worse they may no longer be available.

Two vendors that are critical to the construction schedule are the vendor providing the warehouse where we intend to assemble the booth and the vendor for the bulletproof windows and doors. The warehouse may not be available to us any longer. And, the lead time for the delivery of the bulletproof windows and doors has already increased from 4-weeks to 3- months. Therefore, the increased lead-time has already impacted the construction schedule, adding two additional months onto the completion date.

My suggestion to the Board establishes a way to fast-tract the process. Over the next two weeks I will reconnect with the vendors and renegotiate the terms if necessary – including any changes to the budget.

The results of my findings will be presented to the Board and with the blessing of the Trustees, I will immediately hold a kick-off meeting to pay the deposits to all appropriate vendors.

I believe my suggestions are reasonable.

My message to my colleagues this evening is Do not let perfect, get in the way of the good.

Thank you.