

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

February 16, 2021

The meeting commenced at 4:09 p.m.

Sean Corcoran, Laura Reams, Zachary Peters, Lillie Littleford, Lisa Pineda, and Anna Frankle were present.

Laura reported on the registered candidates and those who intend to run. The group reviewed the previous candidate information session. Discussion of changes to outreach information to candidates.

Sean reported that the ballot boxes were set to be delivered the following week. Ann asked about surveillance for the boxes to which Laura explained that the City Building would have cameras and a mobile surveillance unit would be placed to oversee the box at Heurich Park.

Laura provided details regarding the PO Box at the Hyattsville post office. Zach sought clarity regarding the process to which Laura explained the chain of custody and the process for retrieving ballots.

Lisa asked about the mailing resources, Laura detailed the envelope and its contents.

Laura stated that the ballot design needed to be approved by March 8, 2021.

Alternative mailing forms were discussed, and it was noted that work was in progress to make the form available to the public via the City website. Zach shared concerns with possibly having more than one ballot for one person.

The group discussed the post cards that were sent to residents making them aware of the election. Laura spoke of the possibility of changing some of the language on future mailings for clarity.

Laura showed designs for advertisements to be placed throughout the City and on Big Belly receptacles.

Zach and Lisa suggested including the locations of ballot boxes in the advertisements to which the group was amenable.

Lisa asked whether banners would be incorporated throughout the City, to which Laura answered that they would, but had yet to be ordered. She noted that electronic signs would also be implemented.

Laura reported that there would be a "Real Talk" session regarding the election at the Hyattsville Teen Center. Zach volunteered to represent the Board at the meeting.

The group was asked about availability to participate in outreach events such as food and diaper distributions.

The group discussed opportunities for pop-up voting and corresponding locations and questioned the importance of same-day voting given the data received from Takoma Park's election.

The group discussed ballot intake days and determined which members would be able to work which dates and the general process.

Laura described errors that would lead to the need for ballot curing and how to address different scenarios.

A list of previous election judges and associated notes were reviewed with the intention of identifying potential judges to assist with multiple aspects of the election.

Lisa asked where the ballot intake would take place to which Laura answered that it would be in Council chambers.

The group was made aware of where residents could find voter information including voter registration confirmation on the City's website. The process for other issues and the location of forms were showcased and confirmed. Items for completion on the forms were explained and common mistakes were reviewed and discussed.

Zach inquired as to how a residency could be verified to which there was an introduction to the map page on the City's website that shows City residency and ward.

Zach asked about a timeline for registration and confirmation to which Laura responded that if registration was for the State, the Board would have no authority and explained the process for other scenarios. She explained that the City roll would be a quicker turnaround.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.