

# CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 1, 2006

The Construction Advisory Committee was held in the large conference room in the Support Services Annex, 3308 Canal Street, Fort Myers, FL beginning at 3:45 p.m.

## **PRESENT** (MEMBERS\*)

Chris Mills\*  
Ophie Franklin\*  
Nelson Glueck\*  
Karen Rubin\*  
Deanne Robison\*  
Art Steidell\*  
Carlo C. Lane\*  
Raleigh Scott \*  
Jeanne Dozier  
Reggie Snell  
Jeannie Bajaña, Recording Secretary

## **ABSENT**

William G. Moore  
Rocio Restrepo\*  
Ronald Kent\*  
Susan Waite\*  
Reynolds, Shelton\*  
Raymond Campbell\*

## **VISITOR**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Mills asked if there were any public comments and there were none so he closed the public comments.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Mills asked the Committee to review the minutes for January 11, 2006. There were changes to be made. Mr. Mills then asked for a motion for approval of the minutes after changes are made. The motion was made and seconded with all members present saying "Aye".

## **ADDITIONS – DESIGNS AND PLANS:**

- Mr. Snell began by explaining that we are using 3 design builders (Gulfpoint, ACI, and Gates McVey) and 3 civil engineers (Exceptional, TKW, and Focus Engineering) for 17 additions throughout the district. The Architects are Ron Sebring for Gulfpoint, Alliance Design for Gates McVey and Harper Aiken for ACI.
- Mr. Snell further explained that the three design builders chose three different types of construction. Gulfpoint chose steel structures with panels, Gates McVey chose Blocks, and ACI chose Tilt walls. These three types are to match the existing schools as best they can. The buildings will have 12, 18, or 24 classrooms.
- Mr. Mills suggested that the Committee go to the Colonial Elementary site, if time permitted, in order to see the progress of construction. He asked if the construction of all the additions were on schedule.

- Mr. Snell explained that Gulfpoint was ahead of schedule, due to their knowledge of the district; where Gates McVey and ACI, since new to the district, are not as advanced but on schedule.
- Mr. Snell also informed the committee that there is an eagle present at Hancock Creek Elementary; however, an eagle study performed verified that the eagle is not nesting.
- Mr. Mills also suggested that the committee see three of the additions during the next meeting in order to see the progress of each design builder. Mrs. Dozier agreed and recommended using an activity bus for the tour. She also suggested meeting at an earlier time to allow for travel. The Committee agreed that Diplomat, Bayshore, and Orange River Elementary schools would be the three schools visited.
- Mr. Snell explained that the additions will have bathrooms in each classroom (on first floor only) as well as a white magnetic board with tack strip on primary teaching walls. They will also have a TV and 24 cubbies in each room on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.
- Mr. Castellanos stated that elevators in the additions will be placed to the closest side of the existing school.
- Mr. Snell said that all alarms and lines will tie to the existing building or else to new service. There will also be a covered walkway (rated up to 130mph)
- Mr. Mills asked why there were double doors to stairwells on one design and single doors on another. Mr. Moore explained that it might be a fire code issue.
- Mr. Mills expressed concern because ACI had not supplied drawings yet. Mr. Snell informed the committee that ACI has applied for an early work permit and would be ready to start immediately.
- Mr. Mills suggested that the committee add the information of the tour in March to the Quarterly Report that will be presented to the Board in April.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- Mrs. Dozier informed the committee that, because of the committee's review, the Board Members decided not to pursue the hiring of a Structural engineer at the January 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Mrs. Dozier updated the committee:

- Students are getting ready for FCAT
- There are plans for incentives to bring teachers to Lee County –The School District is talking with the Cities and County about Workforce Housing as a possibility.
- NBC2's story about the overturned school bus – It is still being investigated; however, there were no traumas and it is not the bus driver's fault. Mr. Moore stated that the satellite tracking system helped the bus driver in this case by recording his speed before they got hit.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Mr. Snell distributed the Active Job List for the Construction Department that lists each job that is currently being handled by each Project Manager. Mr. Snell explained that the Department would like to hire one or two more Project Managers.
- Mr. Moore explained that there are 28 major projects under construction in 2006.
- Mr. Scott asked what the optimum work load was for each Project Manager. Mr. Snell responded that it was about \$10-50 million in projects.

**A motion was made by Ms. Rubin to hire an additional Project Manager and seconded by Mr. Lane. After brief discussion of the needs in the Construction Department, the motion was rescinded; and a new motion was made to hire 2 additional Project Managers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steidel. All approved the motion by saying "Aye"**

Mr. Franklin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Steidel seconded the motion. All approved the motion by saying "Aye".

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannie Bajaña  
Recording Secretary