

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 6, 2005

The Construction Advisory Committee was held in the large conference room in the Support Services Annex, 3308 Canal Street, Fort Myers, FL beginning at 3:35 p.m.

PRESENT (*MEMBERS)

Ronald Kent*
Carlo C. Lane*
Chris Mills*
Susan Waite*
Joseph Joy
William G. Moore
Steven K. Teuber
Georgeanna Rose, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Raymond Campbell*
David Collins*
Ophie Franklin*
Nelson Glueck*
Rocio Restrepo*
Shelton Reynolds*
Deanne Robison*
Karen Rubin*
David Scott*
Howard Wheeler*

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Chris Mills.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mills for called for any public comment and Mr. Moore announced that this is Joe Joy's last CAC meeting and will be leaving the Construction Department very shortly. Mr. Moore stated that he would miss Mr. Joy and expressed how much he appreciated the way Mr. Joy has made a large contribution to the Construction Department. Mr. Moore added that Art Castellanos would be stepping in as a temporary placement until a new Director of Construction is hired. CAC member, Susan Waite, stated that Mr. Joy was a pleasure to work with and she wished him well in whatever he does. Mr. Mills asked if there was any other public comment and there was none so he closed the public comment.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Mills asked those present to review the minutes for May 4th and June 1st. Mr. Mills explained that the May 4th meeting minutes were not approved on June 1st since the Committee toured the South Fort Myers High School. Mr. Mills called for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Lane made a motion that both May 4th and June 1st minutes be approved, the motion was seconded by Ms. Waite and approval was made by all members saying "Aye". There were four members present.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS/DELIVERY/COMPLIANCE:

Mr. Mills stated that Committee needs to know about the Capital Plan and where we are going and how this committee can have a good point of interest.

Mr. Moore gave an update of the 8 schools that are in the last stages of being built.

- Ida Baker High School-The school is coming along very well but the auditorium will not be complete when the school opens. Kraft Construction is building this school.
- South Fort Myers High School-The finishing touches are being done and the auditorium will not be finished when the school opens. Mr. Moore added that having the auditoriums not completed at Ida Baker High and South Fort Myers High will not affect the students being in the school. OAK is the contractor for this school.
- Lexington Middle School-They are finishing up on the access road to Summerlin Road and all the furniture is in the facility. DeAngelis Diamond Construction is the contractor for this school.
- Harns Marsh Elementary School-This school is the furthest along. The telephones are not in at this time. Gulfpoint Construction is the contractor for this school.
- Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School-This school is in good shape. They are going through the punch list and the furniture is being put in. OAK is the contractor for this facility.
- East Staging School (East Lee County High School)-This is in the old K-Mart building in Lehigh Acres which will be the home for East Lee County High School for approximately the next 2 years. The changes that have been made to this renovated building are unbelievable. The county will be putting in traffic lights at Taylor and Homestead Roads. The contractor for this school is Gulfpoint Construction.
- Hector Cafferatta, Jr. Elementary School-This building has had a lot of water damage and everything will have to be redone. This is a modular school and with the modulares not being protected, water damage was done and it will not open in mid-September as expected. The school is now housed at High Tech North until the school is finished. The contractors are Mod-Tech and Target Builders.
- Rayma C. Page Elementary-Everything is on schedule. This is the other K-Mart that has been turned into a Staging School. The contractor is Gulfpoint Construction.
and in addition:
- Cypress Lake High School Gymnasium-3/4 of the panels are erected and the East, South and West walls are up. An October 1st completion is expected. Wright Construction is the contractor for this facility.

Mr. Moore then went over the plan for future schools.

- Hawks Haven, in the East Zone, was discussed with this property being built on in 2005-2006. Mr. Moore informed the Committee that it takes 15 acres for an elementary school, 20 acres for a middle school and 45 acres for a high school.
- In the West Zone, the City of Cape Coral is putting in three miles of sewer south of Chiquita Boulevard but it will take a year for it to go through.

- Since 3 schools will be put back one year the District is looking at putting additions at some of the schools.

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- Mr. Mills asked if we could provide space in 365 days and Mr. Joy answered 160 days as the specifications for the proto-type addition is to use modulars or panels and we will go with whichever is most cost effective.
- Mr. Kent asked about permit time and Mr. Moore explained that we hire PEICO to get out permits.
- Mr. Moore gave the projection that we will have Tice Middle School to be ready for school year 2007-2008. This property is located in the East Zone near Interstate 75. There will be a Transportation facility on that site also. There is a desire to purchase more property around that area for a middle school to be built near Riverdale High School.
- An elementary and middle school is scheduled to be built on the Skyline Boulevard site in Cape Coral.
- The District had shown interest in buying the Cape Coral Golf Course and building several schools there but the residents in Cape Coral did not want that to happen. The District did not pursue it any further.
- In looking at ways to save in number of acres for a high school, Mr. Moore stated that high schools could share football facilities where one high school would have a home game on the field and the other high school would play an away game. Parking garages being put on the school site to save in parking space has also been discussed.
- Mr. Moore finished his overview by telling the Committee that anything that they could do to help out with this situation would be appreciated.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Teuber stated that there are 2 ways we can help as a Committee (1) suggests ways to get more dollars and (2) get awareness of the situation the District is in with need to build more schools out to the public. Another thing that concerns Mr. Teuber is that Lee County is losing very good administrators and teachers due to the fact that they cannot afford to buy homes and live in Lee County on salaries that the District offers them. They are going elsewhere.

Mr. Lane voiced concern about what will the kids do if we cannot find teachers.

Report Card – South Fort Myers High School:

The biggest concern for those who toured the South Fort Myers High School was the amount of carpet that was in the school. It was the feeling that tile is cleaner and carpet presents an indoor air quality issue.

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Mr. Moore responded that a few principals felt that they did not have the custodial staff to keep tile floors clean. Mr. Moore added that North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts wants all carpet for their school.

Other Business (Old/New):

Ms. Waite expressed concern about the master key situation for everyone at the school which is at the principal's desgression. Mr. Teuber stated that the way to go would be the electronic key which is expensive to install but would pay off in the end.

Mr. Mills advised the Committee that Tom Dixon and Nick Van Pelt have resigned from the Committee due to changing jobs and moving out of the area. Dr. Kuckel will be appointing someone in the near future.

Mr. Kent questioned if there were ways to save some money with the size of the dumpsters in the schools. Mr. Moore said that he would check with Robert George in Procurement.

Mr. Mills stated that on next month's agenda we would deal with Inside Systems in the schools such as energy and have representatives from Florida Power and Light Company and Lee County Co-op. He will get back with Mr. Moore.

Mr. Lane mentioned that he goes by the East Zone Staging School and they have replaced all the stops in the parking lot with new ones.

Mr. Mills called for a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Mr. Lane made the motion, Mr. Kent seconded and all four members present approved by saying "Aye".

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next Construction Advisory Meeting will be August 3, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgeanna Rose
Recording Secretary