

**CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 05, 2008**

The Construction Advisory Committee Meeting was held in the Large Conference Room in the Support Services Annex, 3308 Canal Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916.

<u>PRESENT</u> (MEMBERS*)	Trish Leonard	<u>ABSENT</u>
William G. Moore, Jr.	Patricia Smithwick	Dan Johnson
Reggie Snell	Arthur Steidel	Clinton Busbee, II
Gary Griffin	Ron Sebring	Jeanne Dozier
Ryan Richards	Raleigh Scott	Ken Bowen
Deanne Robison	Tina Silcox	Rocio Restrepo
Nelson Glueck		Gregory Fasano

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chairwoman Trish Leonard

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Leonard asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments, so Ms. Leonard closed the public comments.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Leonard asked that those members present to review the minutes from the February 06, 2008 meeting. There were no comments so Ms. Leonard then asked for a motion for approval of the minutes. A motion was made and seconded with all members present saying "Aye".

GUARDHOUSE DISCUSSION

- Mr. Sebring presented the guardhouse plan submitted by East Lee County High School for Members to review.
 - Mr. Moore suggested contacting the CAD Instructors to see what type of feedback they could provide
 - Mr. Sebring suggested that the students be able to view floor plans, models, and 3-D plans that were used to erect current Lee County Schools.
 - Mr. Snell and Mr. Sebring will address any issues that come up with the Instructors.
 - The suggestion was brought up to have the guardhouses built at the High School that wins the design portion of this project and then delivered to the other High Schools.
 - ♦ All schools that do not currently have guardhouses will receive one over a duration of time.
 - The schedule to complete the design portion of the guardhouse project is during this school year - 2007 / 2008. The construction phase will occur next school year - 2008 / 2009.
 - ♦ The Presentations for the design portion will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008
 - ♦ Board Recognition for design winners will occur during the June 3rd Board Meeting
 - ♦ Construction of guardhouses will be completed and judging will occur on Wednesday, December 3, 2008

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Leonard presented Board Members comments provided by Mrs. Dozier

- Handout of The School Board of Lee County, Florida 2008 Legislative Priorities
- Dunbar High School – only Microsoft School – broadens school interest

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mr. Snell addressed improving tax savings on upcoming projects:
 - Construction industry could improve tax savings.
 - Construction Managers 2% return on GMP. Construction Manager to credit therefore credit returns to budgeted amount. Tax program will streamline payment.
 - Construction Manager to have sub contractor bid materials, labor, and then tax savings.
 - Must hit what you project.
 - Contractors will “eat” what they do not hit.
 - New schools or large renovations will be great savings – without sacrificing quality or delaying completion.
 - Mr. Steidel asked what the downside would be. Mr. Snell stated the only downside he could see would be the burden to the contractors/sub-contractors.
 - Mr. Snell stated the largest hurdle previously was finance. This hurdle has been improving, as there are fewer complaints from contractors/sub-contractors not being paid. This issue is on its way to being fixed.
 - Ms. Robison asked what kind of growth the District experiencing, what kind of surplus of land does the School District have and where is the School District in general.
 - Mr. Moore stated that the District removed seven schools from the projected plans, due to lack of potential growth.
 - Mr. Snell gave a brief comment on the Elementary School Prototypes. He said they could use some “tweaking” to save time and money and that the redesign of the Elementary School Prototype is necessary at this point in time.
 - Mr. Moore stated that the District has a 4 to 5 year inventory of land available.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Leonard called for a motion to adjourn. All other members approved the Motion to adjourn by saying “Aye”. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Prentice
Recording Secretary