

**CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2007**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Trish Leonard

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Leonard asked if there were any public comments. Other Committee Members did not have any comments. Ms. Leonard asked that the minutes for the CAC meetings be kept to a minimum and bullet points be used to just touch quickly on the topics being discussed.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Leonard asked that those members present review the minutes from the November 7, 2007 meeting. There were no comments so Ms. Leonard then asked for a motion for approval of the minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Griffin and seconded with all members present saying "Aye".

GUARDHOUSE DISCUSSION / UPDATE

- Ms. Silcox met with the Principals of each of the High Schools needing guardhouses. All principals are on board with this project and are very enthusiastic about adding this into their curriculum.
- Mr. Winder from East Lee County High School attended the meeting and gave his input on this project. He believes this can be a second semester project for the students with possible start of construction in fall of 2008. Mr. Winder also suggested that each class should have "hands on" with this project to keep it moving. Possibly form some type of a "summer camp" where the students can come in over the summer to finish the guardhouse for start of school in August, 2008.
- The Committee suggested additional input on the guidelines for the contest.
- It was decided that the Instructors of each of the High Schools should be invited to attend January's CAC Meeting to discuss in detail the timeline and specific design criteria for the guardhouses so that they are consistent throughout the High Schools.
- Mr. Moore suggested holding off on voting criteria and prizes until January's meeting so that the Committee can hear the opinions of the Instructors.

"GREEN"

- Mr. Griffin spoke with Jim Cohen of TLC. Mr. Cohen would be happy to come in and make a presentation. Mr. Cohen gives presentations that are designed for construction teams. It's approximately a one hour orientation and he will discuss issues we need to be careful of and also how the process works and what "green" means to a construction project. Mr. Griffin also did a little research. Stated there is a lot of reference material, it is a point system and there are 3 levels of certification.

- Mr. Bowen feels that because the District is cutting costs at this point, it may not be beneficial for this Committee to be researching “green” at this time.
- Mr. Sebring reviewed the LEED website and there is a checklist on their site which he reviewed. Mr. Sebring took what the Florida schools have to do already based on code and told the Committee that we are already certified without doing a whole lot of other special things. One thing Mr. Sebring suggested we can do is to hire a professional that has the LEED Certification. This would be worth one point.
- Mr. Fasano said there are 3 levels of LEED Certification on a building. There are also numerous ways of obtaining points and to have something LEED certified is expensive for the certification as they charge on the square footage of the building for the certification. Mr. Fasano said to obtain the LEED certification with the seal and document might not be in the best interest of a School District at this point. There is plenty of information out there that will tell you it is worth it, but you will not get the rebates (up to \$1.80 per square foot - footprint of the school) from the government based on the level of efficiency put into the building. The \$1.80 per square foot, most of the times, will wipe out the cost of the certification – it will be a balance but it doesn’t mean you will be making any money for turning your building into a LEED Certified building. What you will be getting is lower maintenance; lower operational cost and the longevity of the building will usually be increased because the methodology needed to build it is usually a much more sustainable structure. Not a tremendous amount of upfront cost if it’s done systematically and with a thought process on how to maximize long term savings with smaller up front costs.

BUSINESS CARD EXCHANGE

Business cards were exchanged so all members have pertinent information

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Robison asked Mr. Snell to give an update on the climate control in the schools. Two articles ran in Wednesday’s (12/5) News-Press paper. Mr. Snell said that there have been discussions with the Superintendent about this issue. A lot of the schools run their thermostats low to try and keep the schools cooler. Studies show human ideal learning environment is somewhere between 68 and 72 degrees so in order for the District to save money, the schools are to have their thermostats set no lower than 72 degrees.

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 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whann
Recording Secretary