

**CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 07, 2009**

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

PRESENT (MEMBERS*)

Dan Johnson
Ryan Richards
Deanne Robison
Patricia Smithwick
Ken Bowen
William Moore
Reginald Snell

ABSENT

Tina Silcox
Nelson Glueck
Greg Fasano
Dr. Scricca
Trish Leonard
Rocio Restrepo
Raleigh Scott
Art Steidel

Gary Griffin
Fred Learned
Ron Sebring

GUEST

J Stephen Ward

Round the room discussion of the financial impact of the county and the effect on the Lee County School District with specifics on the Construction Department for 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. by Interim Chairperson, Mr. Ryan Richards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ward expressed his concern for his neighboring community adjacent to Orangewood Elementary School. Mr. Ward provided copies of a letter from the South Florida Water Management addressed to Mr. Brian Roberts of Exceptional Engineering, Inc. dated August 15, 2008. Mr. Ward brought attention to the fact that the Lee County School District may be unaware of said letter, due to the incorrect addressing to the School District. Mr. Ward stated that he also had previously provided Mr. Roberts of Exceptional Engineering with a copy of said letter on or about November of 2008. Mr. Moore stated that he extends agreement to look into the content of the letter. Mr. Snell stated that he had a meeting on an unrelated topic the following day with Mr. Roberts and that he would address this letter at that meeting. Mr. Snell will provide an update for Mr. Ward as soon as possible. Mr. Ward provided his contact information.

Mr. Richards asked for any additional public comments. None were provided. Mr. Richards closed the public comment discussion.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Richards asked that those members present review the minutes from the December 03, 2008 meeting. There were no further discussions. Mr. Richards then asked for a motion for approval of the minutes. A motion was made with all members present saying "Aye".

GUARDHOUSE DESIGN PRESENTATIONS

- Score Sheets - Reviewed
- Mr. Richards reviewed discussion from the Board Meeting the prior evening, 01/06/2009
- Results were as follows:
 - 1st Place East Lee County High School*
 - 2nd Place Ida Baker High School*
 - 3rd Place South Fort Myers High School*
- Schools that competed have shown concern with the advancement of building the Guard Houses due to the current budget restraints.
 - A decision will be made shortly as to whether or not to move forward with building the Guardhouses. A suggestion was made to have Ron Sebring, Chairman, present for continued discussion.

GREEN DISCUSSION

- Discussion of legalities of GREEN expansion.
 - Is it cost effective during the current budget crisis to become certified.
 - Discussion on point scale.
 - RS & H scored Tree Line Elementary – earning 37 points – silver rating
 - Burden could be placed on Architectural Firms to accomplish a level of point scale during designing of plans.
 - Place bike racks near locker/shower rooms – promotes riding bikes to location
 - Make lighting energy efficient
 - Make sure that HVAC units are Fresh Air units ~ more energy efficient
 - Discussion on advantages and disadvantages of having documentation prior to design/construction or while under design/construction, as opposed to after the fact.
 - Design firms may be more apt not to charge any additional charges during the construction of the design.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- No Board Members were present; therefore, there were no Board Member comments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mr. Moore stated that the School District is in serious financial difficulty.
- Change is needed for the funding of education – education will not survive if this decline continues.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Richards called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made with all other members present saying “Aye”. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Prentice
Recording Secretary