

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
February 8, 1996, 7:30AM

PRESENT: Chairman Billy King  
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth  
Commissioner Rollin Shaw

OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager  
Neil Yarborough, County Attorney  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk  
Dan MacMillan and staff, Architects

Chairman King called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes: January 18, 1996

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth offered a motion to approve the Minutes.  
SECOND: Commissioner Shaw  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Status/Update Courthouse Renovations

Dan MacMillan and Heidi of the MacMillan Architect Office reviewed plans for renovations to the various floors of the courthouse.

The Committee offered the following recommendations/amendments to the plans:

1. Noting space is limited for storage of files, the County may need to look at a records storage system for the long run; (It was noted there is record storage space at the building on Mayview, however accessibility a problem)
2. On the lower level of the building; the committee instructed Mr. MacMillan to continue to work on the smoking area; (Concerns expressed: security for the building if it is not completely enclosed)
3. First Floor: Divide Room 119 by movable wall; (will give more options for meetings)
4. Other Floors: Look at designating some "reserve space" on 2nd & 3rd floors;
5. Fourth Floor: Reservations were expressed about the need for the large courtroom;

Mr. MacMillan was instructed to sketch in the changes discussed at this meeting. This Committee will meet again on February 21, 1996, 7:30AM in Room 564. Judge Brewer and Judge Keever will be invited to attend to review the plans.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00AM

futuristically in the design of this building. The Advisory Board feels that after having visited the other facilities that they are on the right track. They feel this building will be functional for years to come.

Mr. Vick noted the 30% growth areas of the building could be leased to businesses before Social Services would need it.

Mr. Strassenburg noted the Federal Government's recent moves in locating jobs training, and other related services with the human service agencies.

Mr. Vick advised the County will need to consider in the future the purchase of the land on either end of the property for future expansion. Group homes could be located in these areas.

Commissioner Faircloth asked if the Ramsey Street site is better than a downtown location.

Mr. Vick stated the County could not build a human services complex downtown. The County could have built a Social Services building, but there would be no room for expansion.

Commissioner Faircloth asked if the Board had waited on Robert Marvin to decide the location, where would the County be at this point on this project.

Mr. Modlin stated he is not sure Mr. Marvin would not have recommended the same concept. He noted Mr. Marvin does include the Ramsey Street site in his terms of what is "Downtown".

Cliff Strassenburg stated the County showed good planning in purchasing the Ramsey Street site. The County purchased a large piece of good land at a very good price. He feels the County made an excellent decision. If the County had to move the Health Department tomorrow, they would already have a site to move it to.

Mr. White stated he feels good about the way this project has come about. There has been a lot of Advisory Board involvement and they are in favor of this move and recommend that the County move forward.

Mr. Strassenburg noted the next step in the process would be to develop the schematics.

Chairman King stated he felt the full board would approve of the plans thus far.

Commissioner Faircloth asked where the project is in a cost estimate.

Mr. Strassenburg noted the latest cost estimate is 24 million.

Mr. Vick stated the cost will be approximately \$100.00 per square foot.

Mr. Vick stated he wants to address the committees concerns and work them out prior to making a presentation to the full Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Faircloth stated he likes the concept. He feels it is in line with the Board's vision when the site was purchased.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Faircloth offered a motion that the Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the \$450,000 advance funding.

**SECOND:** Commissioner King

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

4. Consideration of naming the new Adolescent High Management Group Home (Mental Health)

**BACKGROUND:** The Mental Health Board has recommended we name the new Group Home after Geraldine Spate or Andy Dempster.

In response to a question, Mr. Strassenburg noted the county does not have a policy in reference to naming buildings. He suggested that perhaps we establish a policy because of so many new buildings that will come on line in the next year or so.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Faircloth offered a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that a Policy be adopted in reference to naming county buildings and that no action be taken on the request to name the Group Home at this time.

**SECOND:** Commissioner King

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

5. Progress Report: Social Services Building

Mr. Walter Vick, Architect, reviewed the Program Re-evaluation and Update with regard to increase in number of employees since 1980 and number of square feet currently being used and rented. He noted the basic square footage needed at this time. He also stated that ADA requirements will need to be met with the new building. He discussed the ancillary spaces that have been discussed to provide space fitness, child care and food service areas as well as space for allied agencies. The building concept includes room for 30% growth over the next fifteen years. This building will be a generic office building to be used as a Social Services building or anything else. It will be able to adapt to change. The total square footage proposed is 255,729 to 274,672. Mr. Vick also noted the possibility of leasing ancillary spaces for other businesses. They would be located around the main facilities. The spaces would be leased to businesses that would benefit the human services patrons, such as drug stores, food service, etc.

Chairman King asked Mr. Modlin if there was a recommendation from him concerning this matter this morning.

Mr. Modlin stated the Social Services Board is aware of the needs and the minimum space requirements and they are recommending what is being presented to them.

Chairman King asked if the child care and fitness facilities are included in what they want to have approved.

Mr. Modlin replied they did want these areas approved in the building design.

Mr. John White, Chairman of the Social Services Board stated they are thinking