

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 1997, 8:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chairman Rollin Shaw
Commissioner Billy R. King

OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
Neil Yarborough, County Attorney
Larry Philpott, Director, Recreation Department

ABSENT: Commissioner Thomas B. Bacote

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes: September 11, 1997
2. Update: Pine Forest Middle School Recreation Center

Architect Bill Henderson reviewed the plans with the committee. This is a multi-purpose building of approximately 4,000 square feet. The building is separate from the school; however, by unlocking a door the school will have access to it and vice versa. The building design will tie in with the architecture of the school building. Bids will go out in the next three to four weeks. This project has been coordinated with the School System.

Utilities and maintenance will be separate from the school building. Once the project is completed, it will be staffed full time.

Other school sites scheduled for the same type of center are:

Stedman - agriculture building

Western part of the County - new Gillis Hill elementary school (will be constructed during the initial construction of the school)

Hope Mills area

Grays Creek

Armstrong Elementary

2. Other Matters of Concern

The County Manager noted one of the County Commissioners expressed some concern about the new smoking area and the fact that it looked like a cage. Mr. Strassenburg noted there were really very few options available in building this area because of the County Ordinance on smoking. If we should change the Ordinance, we would have to adhere to the smoking regulations adopted by the State. Some of the constraints we had to address:

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1. The building cannot be connected to the Courthouse;
2. It can't be enclosed;
3. The integrity of the security system in the building has to be maintained;

Mr. Strassenburg said that we really did the best we could based on the constraints. The committee suggested some attractive plants around the area would do a great deal to enhance it.

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