

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 13, 1997, 8:00AM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chairman Rollin Shaw
Commissioner Billy R. King
Commissioner Thomas B. Bacote
OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
Danny Higgins, Staff Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes: December 12, 1996

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to approve.
SECOND: Commissioner Shaw
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

1. Presentation of Design Development Phase for the East Regional Branch Library

Appearing: Eric Lindstrom, Architect

Mr. Lindstrom reviewed the design with the Committee members. The building will consist of 20,000 square feet and will be a steel frame construction with concrete block up to 10 feet high. He indicated he believed the building could be brought in within the proposed budget for the project.

Time Frame as follows: April: Drawings will be complete
May: Project will go out for bid
Summer: Construction will begin

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to recommend approval of the Design Development phase of the project to the Board of Commissioners.
SECOND: Commissioner Shaw
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (Commissioner Bacote arrived in time to vote for this motion).

2. Update: Social Services Building (new)

Appearing: Walter Vick, Architect

Mr. Vick reviewed the design with the Committee members. The building will consist of 275,000 square feet. The location of the building will be situated on the end of the tract of land near the railroad tracks (the shape and design of the building best fits to the topography at this area on the site). In addition, this site location provides for two buildings which ties in with our original plans to make this a human services complex (by adding Health Department and Mental Health at some future date). Estimated cost of the project: \$28 - \$30 million dollars.

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Commissioner Shaw noted the importance of explaining to the public why satellite offices of the Social Services Department will still be necessary in order to provide services in the outlying areas of our county. The Committee discussed how the building would have to be financed, via COP's.

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to recommend approval of the design development phase of this project to the Board of Commissioners so the Architect may proceed with construction documents.
SECOND: Commissioner Bacote
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Mr. Strassenburg, County Manager, noted the importance of keeping on the schedule adopted by the Board in September for this project. He told the Committee he has received a letter from the State relative to this project. They are requesting a letter from the Board of Commissioners stipulating we are moving forward with this project as scheduled. Mr. Strassenburg noted that because of the problems we are currently experiencing with the old building, it is imperative we move forward on schedule.

Mr. Vick, Architect, indicated we would be able to take bids in July/August on this project, if we stick to the schedule.

4. Discussion of Mental Health Office Space Proposals (CLOSED SESSION).

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to go into Closed Session to instruct Staff on a possible Real Estate purchase.
SECOND: Commissioner Bacote
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to go back into Regular Session.
SECOND: Commissioner Bacote
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

5. Other Committee Concerns

A. J.P. Riddle Stadium Improvements

The County Recreation Department has received a request from the Fayetteville Professional Baseball Club for the following improvements. (Note: County is responsible for maintenance).

1. Replace carpet in Clubhouse: Cost: \$5,000

Staff believes carpet does need to be replaced.

2. Paint exterior of the existing buildings: Cost \$6,000

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Staff had planned to paint the buildings next fiscal year. If the painting is to be accomplished this fiscal year, money will have to be appropriated. The Committee felt that because the Franchise has changed, the team colors are different, it would be acceptable to paint the building this fiscal year.

3. Add heat/air conditioning to the Clubhouse: Cost \$7,500

The Ball Club has indicated if the County will not do it, they will air condition the portion of the building used by the home team. The Committee consensus was that the County would pick up half the cost, which would result in the entire building being air conditioned/heated. Cost: \$3,750

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion that the Committee recommend to the County Commissioners that we proceed with items 1 and 2 this fiscal year and pay half of the cost of \$7,500 to air condition and heat the clubhouse. County's cost: \$3,750.
SECOND: Commissioner Bacote
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. New School Construction/Recreational areas

Mr. Larry Philpott, Director, County Recreation Department, told the Committee the importance of input from the Commissioners and Recreation Department on the placement of new school facilities on their sites. He recommended that when we touch base with the School Facilities Committee we make them aware that cooperation in the placement of the schools and recreational areas are important to having an efficient project. He suggested a master design plan would be important in the school projects.

The Committee indicated they would discuss this issue with the School Facilities Committee.

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to adjourn.
SECOND: Commissioner Bacote
VOTE: UNANIMOUS