



City of Moorhead
Community Facilities Task Force
Meeting Summary
March 30, 2017 at 4:30 PM
Probstfield Center for Education - Room 202

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Community Facilities Task Force was held in the Probstfield Center for Education - Room 202, on March 30, 2017, at 4:30 PM.

Attendees:

Moorhead Area Public Schools: Mark Altenburg (chair), Dr. Lynne Kovash

Clay County: Kevin Campbell, Jenny Mongeau, Brian Berg

City of Moorhead: Heidi Durand, Brenda Elmer, Chris Volkers

1. Moorhead Area Public Schools Building and Projects Update

A. Current Projects

- i. Two projects are moving along well – the new 5th/6th grade school addition at Horizon Middle School and the new Dorothy Dodds elementary school.
- ii. Two handouts were provided, one for each project, showing status (see attached).
- iii. The only possible delay expected at this time is towards the end of the project (s) if they do not get the certificate of occupancy promptly.
- iv. Regarding the new elementary school, it was built for future needs also so there will be a few classrooms empty upon opening.
- v. There is remodeling happening in current elementary rooms as well.
- vi. Similar to events happening at the new Sanford Hospital, the school district intends on doing VIP open houses, perhaps a senior citizens day, and other local preliminary walk-throughs.
- vii. The school district would like to do an updated demographic study and wonders if the City would be interested in partnering.

B. Future Projects

- i. Preliminary talks about a new transportation hub with location announced soon
- ii. High School needs – some long range planning is necessary to include what does a Moorhead high school graduate look like, and facilities planning

2. Clay County Building and Projects Update

A. Current Projects

- i. New LEC and Jail. Plans were shown and discussed.
- ii. The LEC construction will start next week with a groundbreaking soon.
- iii. A timing document was distributed with exterior model images (see attached)
- iv. After a recent presentation by the architects to the city council, the County Commissioners added bullet proof glass to the reception workstations in the lobby (the City is very grateful)
- v. A County/City FF&E meeting is set for 4/11/17 to discuss cost sharing.

B. Future Projects

- i. Clay County just purchased a 72 solar panels from MPS for future energy needs
- ii. Sales tax – if the tax bill is passed and signed by the Governor, then this can be implemented within 90 days – best case is 10/1/17. Department of Revenue has been communicating well.
- iii. Transfer station – this joint project (with the City of Moorhead) is expected to be in the bonding bill. Our request sits currently at a little over \$8 million and the total cost is expect around \$12 million.
- iv. Transitional housing issues especially in the mental health area for kids and families is an ongoing need. Cass County partners with Clay County on some of these housing needs. But

there is a need for a long term fix at the juvenile center for all levels of offenders. The county is turning away those in need and Moorhead kids aren't always staying local.

3. City of Moorhead Building and Projects Update

A. Current Projects

- i. The Facility Condition Report will soon be complete and reviewed by the City Manager and City Council. This report will identify the condition of each city owned facility and the needs for repairs, maintenance, demolition, replacement. Funding will be the related issue and the needs that result from this report.
- ii. The City is beginning a comprehensive strategic planning process and will be seeking input from our stakeholders. We are also engaging an outside financial firm to do a long term financial review, analysis and projection and we will merge those results with the planning which should give us a very complete picture of our future over the next 5-10 years.

B. Future Projects

- i. The transfer station project is another great collaborative effort with the County who is taking the lead.
- ii. The City thanks the County for changing the glass in the new LEC lobby to bullet proof...the County was very responsive to our concern about this.

4. Future of Task Force

- A. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that these discussion are valuable for all parties and should continue.
- B. The next meeting will be scheduled for very late August or early September, prior to the final budget decisions.