



**City of Moorhead
Community Facilities Task Force
Meeting Minutes
May 04, 2015 at 4:00 PM
Probstfield Center for Education-#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-#202, on May 04, 2015, at 4:00 PM.

Attendees:

Moorhead Area Public Schools: Lynne Kovash; Mark Altenburg; Matt Valan

Clay County: Jenny Mongeau; Kevin Campbell; Brian Berg

City of Moorhead: Heidi Durand; Brenda Elmer; Michael Redlinger

- 1A) Michael Redlinger, City of Moorhead, provided an overview of the 05/03/2015 Task Force agenda and format that will be used to summarize Task Force meetings. All Task Force agendas and meeting summaries will be posted on the City of Moorhead website.
- 1B) Mark Altenburg, Moorhead Schools, volunteered to serve as chairperson of the Task Force.
- 2A) Lynne Kovash, Moorhead Schools, provided a report on Moorhead Area Public Schools facility planning and development. The data collection phase for the proposed facility expansion has been completed, as well as a demographic study. Additional facilities will be needed in the future and are contingent on growth in the single family residential market. By way of example, the West Fargo School District is expected to grow by nearly 60% in the next decade due to residential growth in their community.

On May 11, 2015, the School Board will consider a preliminary recommendation for the master facilities plan, including:

- A grade 5-6 addition to Horizon Middle School;
- A new elementary school; and
- Security modifications to existing facilities.

Task Force members asked about demographics, such as household size and the average number of children per family and what this will mean for the district. The group discussed potential reuse opportunities for the existing Moorhead High School site if the district were to build a new high school. It was agreed that multiple community organizations and users would be needed to occupy the space; analogous to the former Townsite Center that was used in a similar manner after the current high schools was built in the late 1960s.

- 2B) Kevin Campbell, Clay County, summarized current discussions about siting a future jail and potential joint law enforcement facility on the Clay County campus. An overview of the current design and finance plan was provided to the Task Force. It has been recommended that Clay County consider asking the Legislature for a local option sales tax to assist with offsetting the cost of facility construction. The Task Force discussed the former Washington Elementary School site as a potential joint law enforcement facility location.

An update on the Joint Transfer Station, Household Hazardous Waste Facility, and material recovery facility (MRF) study currently underway was provided to the Task Force. It is the goal of Clay County and the landfill customers (cities/townships/private haulers) to reduce the waste stream being directed to the current landfill, and a new transfer facility combined with a MRF would accomplish this objective.

- 2C) Michael Redlinger, City of Moorhead, gave a report on infrastructure and a service analysis that is currently underway by the City's technical staff. It was noted that in the last wave of community-wide growth approximately a decade ago, the City played a key role in supporting new development by expanding existing infrastructure and servicing new areas of the community with utilities and services. The Task Force discussed the appropriate future size of Moorhead, as well as opportunities to pursue urban infill and redevelopment projects that would be cost-effective for citizens and bring higher, and more productive, land uses to current property.
- 3) It was agreed that the Task Force will meet on a monthly basis, starting after the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The Task Force will communicate project updates and other timely information to the partner jurisdictions, reporting back to the respective elected bodies.
- 4) Agenda topics for next meeting:
- Clay County Jail & Joint Law Enforcement Center Planning Update
 - Moorhead Area Public Schools Facility Planning Update
 - Moorhead Marketing & Community Feedback: What do new residents say?

A Doodle poll will be used to identify a future meeting date in early June following the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.