



MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 20, 2009, 7:00PM

Re: Sugar Creek Public Meeting

Attendees:

Michael Young, LDS

Rachael Young, LDS

Vineet Nagarkar, Parks and Recreation

Marvin Billups, Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Lee May

Members of the Dekalb County community (see attendance sheets)

Items distributed at meeting:

- Scope of Services for Liquid Design Studios
- Survey from Liquid Design for Sugar Creek
- Visual display of proposed building options

Opening statement and introduction given by Mr. Vineet Nagarkar of Parks and Recreation.

Michael Young gave a brief statement of project scope along with key points that generated the proposed design schemes:

The need for Sugar Creek to create a presence in the community
Better access to the facility
Maintain views for spectators

Michael presented three options. Two were renovation options of the existing building and one was a newly constructed facility.

Option 1

This option expanded the footprint of the existing building from 4,999 square feet to 7,444 square feet. A newly defined lobby was created. The snack area was expanded allowing for a full service kitchen and

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increased dining area. Separate golf and tennis lounges were added. The Pro-shop was relocated within the new footprint and interior storage was provided for each sport. Exterior restrooms were added on the west elevation for nighttime use and the existing locker rooms were upgraded with better ADA accessibility. The existing exterior deck and stairs were removed. The second floor was designed for administrative use only. There will no longer be spectator viewing from the upper level.

Option 2

This option expanded the footprint of the existing building from 4,999 square feet to 7,660 square feet. As with option 1 the snack area was expanded allowing for a full service kitchen, greater storage, and increased dining area. Separate golf and tennis lounges were added as well as a business center with computer stations. The Pro-shop was relocated within the new footprint and interior storage was provided for each sport. Exterior restrooms were added on the east and west elevations for nighttime use and the existing locker rooms were upgraded with better ADA accessibility. A snack bar was added for grab and go foods. The existing exterior deck and stairs were removed. The second floor was designed for administrative use only. There will no longer be spectator viewing from the upper level.

Option 3

This option was a design for new construction of a 9,151 square foot building which was to be located at the south west corner of the site. The existing tennis courts in this area could be relocated to the area of the current building after construction is completed. The design included an expansive lounge area, and dining facility with full kitchen and bar area, combination pro-shop, locker rooms, administrative areas and multipurpose room. Views to the tennis courts and golf greens were maintained with walls of windows that look onto an added exterior courtyard area.

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Community Question and Answer:

(Alfonzo Jones) Can new building be repositioned so the showcase courts and be kept? There should be two club houses, one for golf and one for tennis.

Response: We can look at the position of the building on the site. Currently the budget does not allow for the design of two buildings.

(Ulysses Harris) When you move the courts, will there be time between when new courts are replaced. Are new courts part of the funding?

Response: There could be a time lapse between demolition of the old courts and the construction of new courts. New courts are not a part of the current building budget, but can be incorporated into the budget for a new building if the county elects to do so.

(Robert Mitchell, Men's Assoc.) Are there plans to expand the parking?

Response: This was not part of our original scope, however the possibility has been discussed with the county.

(Venneisa Smith) What is the capacity of the dining area?

Response: Options 1 and 2 can seat approximately 65 people. Option 3 can seat approximately 150 people.

(Marie Jackson) Where is the pro-shop for golf vs. tennis?

Response: The design for option three shows a combined pro-shop to house both golf and tennis in the same area.

(L. Newton) Where are the administrative offices in option 1 and 2? (comment)

Merchandise needs to be secure and there needs to be separate POS systems. One desk will not work.

Response: The administrative areas are on the second floor for both options 1 & 2.

(M. Williams) It needs to be decided if the administrative functions will be together.

(Commissioner Lee May) We need this facility to pay for itself. How can this facility be an event generator?

Idea - Move the pro shops to the left and right of the entrance.

(James S.) Separate golf and tennis is a must.

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(Cliff Jacobs) Did you look at other existing facilities? Put everything under one roof. Carts need to go below the building. We need to separate functions and make the facility what it should be. We should put the building on the other side of the site. Clientele should increase with a new building. There needs to be another bond referendum.

Response: Yes we looked at several facilities, some locally and some in other states. Locating carts underneath the building would be costly due to the high water table.

(Gregory Hunlen) Have you seen any local facility similar to Sugar Creek? We need better maintenance of the courts and a protective screen from the golf balls.

Response: We have seen other local facilities (public and private). The design team is not responsible for court maintenance, but we have alerted the management staffs and the Parks and Recreation Department to the issues we found.

(Joyce Evans, Pres. of Women's Assoc.) The facility is too open for intimate meetings. We need to be able to fit 60 people in an intimate space.

Response: We will look at how we can accommodate that many people in one given area.

(Leonard Jones.) How many people can fit in the lounges?

Response: Approximately 50 people can fit in each lounge area not counting the dining space.

(Milton Williams) There should be a separate dining and snack area for tennis and golf for extra functions. Dekalb County should put a committee together to view other facilities menu options for dining.

(George Hyman) What money was left from the 2001 bond referendum? How much more would it be to put a cart barn underneath the building? When is completion date?

Response: Mr. Billups responded with 2006 money was set aside for the bond. The cart barn needs to be addressed but it is not part of this scope. We are looking at possibilities of enclosing the carts. Completion date is spring/summer 2010. We are trying to incorporate your ideas into an operational facility. You need to come together. We all want this facility to be nice. We will look at enclosing a patio area for additional function space. We will also look into securing golf carts.

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(Ulysses Harris) Is there competition for this money other than Sugar Creek?

Response: There is no competition for the project's funding.

After the question and answer period ended and extensive overview of the purpose of this public meeting and the scope of work was given by Mr. Marvin Billups of Dekalb County Parks and Recreation.

Closing remarks were given by Mr. Marvin Billups.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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