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MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 15, 2009, 7:00PM

Re: Sugar Creek Public Meeting

Attendees:

Michael Young, LDS

Rachael Young, LDS

Vineet Nagarkar, Parks and Recreation

Management from Dekalb County Parks and Recreation

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
- Presentation Notes and Agenda

Opening statement given by Mr. Marvin Billups of Parks and Recreation. The project manager with Dekalb county was introduced. Mrs. Marilyn Boyd Drew Director of the Dekalb County Parks and Recreation was introduced. Design team was introduced. Mr. Billups stated that the web page for Dekalb County would incorporate the items discussed at the public meeting and will include a comment section.

John Leeks from the Parks and Green Space advisory committee was acknowledged.

Michael Young gave a brief history of Liquid Design and outlined the approach the company would take on the project. Key points he discussed were:

Time spend with each management team at Sugar Creek to see how they worked and how the design could help them improve.

The need for Sugar Creek to create and identity and how the design should provide a cohesive connect that the county and the community could be proud of.

Michael discussed the basic design issues of the facility in its current state.



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Structural: The building's superstructure is in good shape and can be built upon. The decks need to be modified for safety reasons.

Architectural: The facility needs a defined entrance with signage making it readily identifiable. There needs to be circulation signage. Interior and exterior storage needs to be addressed for dry goods, food, etc. The retail needs cohesive operations. Accessibility issues need to be addressed for the entry, restrooms, and other areas of the facility. Administration needs a well organized space for records, files, etc. Concessions need to improve. There should be better organization. There needs to be encouragement for more people to use it because it is a viable source of revenue. Lounging space needs to be incorporated for relaxed gathering.

Mechanical: Currently there is only one HVAC unit and that is not sufficient for a two story structure. A new system must be properly zoned which will increase its efficiency. It must also be updated to current building codes. Currently the system has accessibility issues which caused maintenance issues.

Electrical: There were several electrical panels that need to be inspected to make sure they can be used. Interior and exterior lighting needs to be addressed (retail, concessions)

Plumbing: The current water pressure needs to be addressed as well as the sanitary systems. The kitchen and restrooms need to be updated.

After the current conditions of the facility were discussed Michael opened the floor to the members of the community to ask questions. He began by asking for a show of hands who played tennis and who played golf. More golfers were in attendance by the show of hands.

Community Question and Answer:

(George Hyman) Are you going to expand the size of the building? Summer and weekends are so full it is hard for tennis and golf to cohabitate.

Response: If the design need warrants it, the building will be expanded.



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(Clifford Jacobs) I suggest that you visit local golf course that “works”. Mystery valley is good because you can sit and eat. Fort Mac, Georgia National - These courses have other functions that Sugar Creek does not have.

Response: We have visited several of these courses already and plan to visit more during the initial courses of the project.

(Robert Mitchell, Men’s Assoc.) Do you have the money to do what you are proposing?

Response: Liquid Design is focused on providing an appropriate solution. If our proposal has additional costs, those costs will be forwarded to Parks and Recreation for review.

(Willie Danzy) Is anyone from the county here that can speak on the Budget?

Response: \$1.2 million funded by a public bond issue.

(Willie Danzy) Is there a ground breaking date? Will there be portables or temporary facilities during construction?

Response: The project time allotted is one year for design and construction. If temporary facilities are needed, they will be accounted for once prior to start of construction.

(Matthew Quearles) Do you have plans to make the second floor useful? Do you plan to correct access to the second floor?

Response: The entire building will be accessible. The second floor has uses (mostly administrative) that we intend to keep in place.

(J.T Shobe) When is the project to begin and be completed?

Response: The project time allotted is one year for design and construction.

(Preston Price) Will there be another forum like this showing the design results?

Response: The county plans to have at least two more meetings like this during the project.

(Preston Price) Has the county set money aside just for the clubhouse?

Response: 1.2 million was set aside for clubhouse.

(Cliff Jacobs) You should build the cart shed underneath the building. You mentioned design work on a course in Florida. What did you do at the golf course in Gainesville, Florida?



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Response: The project in Florida replaced the clubhouse of a public facility. We will definitely consider the cart barn location in the design.

(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.) I am in favor of expanding outside the existing walls of the building. It is like a family facility. Please remember our Jr. golfers and their needs. Areas that need to be addressed are the locker rooms and lack of conference or meeting room space. Currently we can not hold our meetings at the facility. Factor in the atmosphere.

Response: All of these items have been considered and will affect the preliminary design.

(Joyce Evans, Pres. of Women's Assoc.) Have you considered starting over with a new building?

Response: A new building is being considered as well as renovation of the existing

(Bayo Kuranga) We need restrooms on the course. Will we have to shut down during the renovation?

Response: Course restrooms will be addressed by management at the appropriate time. The county will make provisions for temporary operations if needed.

(Bayo Kuranga) How is Sugar Creek viewed and marketed?

Response: Parks and Recreation can provide this information at a later date.

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

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

(Laura Buggs) Will the building be improved by next year? Will there be a trail that comes through Sugar Creek? What is the website location for the public meeting information?

Response: Go to <http://www.co.dekalb.ga.us/> for information.

Community Question and Answer:

(Ulysses Harris) We need the ability to entice corporate vendors and players.



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(Robert Cureton) Security is a concern for the building and the golf carts.

(E.C McClinton) Your intent does not speak tennis. It only speaks of golf. The facility is not totally handicap accessible. The clay courts need to be reconstructed. Parking should be redesigned and increased. There should be biking, walking and wheelchair access. There should also be exterior restrooms for tennis and golf.

(Marianna Boone, Citizens Advisory Board, Distr. 5) We can write grants for some of the initiatives through environment and fitness funds. There is lots of money around this issue.

(John Leeks) Money comes from a bond referendum for facility. Currently the overall impression of the facility is unsavory and disappointing.

(Lurline Newton) I would like two buildings. I play tennis and have no place to meet. The grounds need work and the parking needs to be expanded. There should also be a facility for the children.

(Alfonzo Jones) I want two clubhouses. We need three times the size we currently have. The parking needs to be enlarged. We are losing player do to what the facility is lacking. We don't need a second floor.

(Alfonzo Jones) You should look at the Alpharetta Athletic Facility.

(Ben Houston) The facility is growing. What is the demand for usage? You need to determine this first. We want our facility to be equivalent to others.

(Erica Weaver) If we are stuck with the existing building our first priority should be the restrooms. We need a kid friendly environment and more protection from the elements.

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 Mrs. Marilyn Boyd Drew Director of the Dekalb County Parks and Recreation.

Closing remarks were given by Mr. Marvin Billups.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.