

Destin High School Advisory Committee
Minutes
September 29, 2016
Destin Community Center

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Alonso, Bouillon, Fountain, L. Phillips, Ramswell, Williams

NEWS/RELATED INFO

- Charter School off 30A looking to build new charter HS in Crestview
 - No impact to us since in Crestview/North Okaloosa
- Certificate of need- need for us to prepare, research
 - Need data to substantiate need
 - Do we need a statistician? Is data already available through State or other agencies?
 - We have trends, but need projections- 5 years out, 10 years out for enrollment #s
 - Plus, once built, numbers should grow (home-schoolers, transfers, out of county, etc.)
- Possibility for school board to sponsor a charter?
 - Need to research

FUNDING

Est, \$7000/student; means about \$4.2M if we have 600 students
Look at a rent that is around 15% of that amount

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ADA compliance; if we go up, we need elevators
- Access
- Cost of land
- Cost of building
- Which scenarios/school types allow donors/sponsors?

LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS

-acreage, access/security, DEP/wetlands, FAA restrictions (height and noise), neighboring building issues (alcohol, adult stores)

Original thought was we needed 13-20 acres; this was based on a single story school/footprint; if we build a 2-3 story school, necessary acreage is reduced... look at 10 acres????

Estimates are ~210,000 square feet are needed (all local high schools are about this size)

LOCATION FOLLOW-UPS

Church south of DES is not in market to sell land; one section has sold to nursing home, no interest in selling other portion

-Several tracts in Kelly look promising; **Williams will reach out** to one owner (Christina Bell) regarding interest

Need to obtain an easement for access/entrance driveway

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Land to the east of the Destin Airport; owned by County; very large- even if some is wetlands there is plenty space for our needs; **Williams to reach out** to Kelly Windes, our Commissioner

Would need to create an entrance; get an easement?

-possibility of reopening the private drive off Commons that was used for Indian Bayou; would allow for great security for school and no impact to Indian Bayou

-large enough to expand as growth dictates

OTP: **Ramswell reached out** to owner and property manager; "ball is in our park."

Some concerns over funding possibilities within a CRA and possibility of eroding tax base; opposite thought is the spurring of development/redevelopment

Ramswell will call them back and ask the following questions/make the following comments:

We need some options...

How much are they currently receiving in rent from the property?

How much would they want if we lease entire property? Portion of property?

What conditions of a lease would they expect?

If we wanted to buy the entire property, how much? Portions?

Bealls: if current redevelopment/Dick's falls through, possibility they are interested; Fountain to reach out

ACTION ITEMS

Williams- Kelly property, BCC property, Carlene Anderson and Alexis Tibbitts visits/input

Ramswell-OTP

Fountain-Bealls, charter sponsored by school board/county

Alonso-# of classrooms/bathrooms, athletic facilities

Bouillon- financing/budget, max costs

Question for School Board (Dewey?):

How much do you think we need to bring to the table in order for you to approve a public school?

NEED TO DETERMINE

Ratios for high school (is it 1:20?) different based on type of school or grade?