

**Joint Meeting of the Sebastian County Quorum Court
and Fort Smith Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 @ 6:30 P M
Ben Geren Park Safe Shelter Building
7700 South Zero Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas**

Judge David Hudson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tony Crockett gave the Invocation.

Sherri Gard City Clerk called the Roll for City Board of Directors. All seven Directors were present Keith Lau, Andre' Good, Mike Lorenz, George Catsavis, Pam Weber, Kevin Settle and Phillip Merry.

Ann Selig called the Roll for the Quorum Court Members with 12 present, Danny Aldridge, John Spradlin, Tony Crockett, Shawn Looper, Phil Hicks, Johnny Hobbs, Donald Carter, Rhonda Royal, Dickie Robertson, Linda Murry, Bob Schwartz and Jim Medley. Ray Stewart was absent.

Judge Hudson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Andy Smith, Larkin Aquatic Project Designer, who presented a power point presentation giving a Comparison of Aquatics Facility "Concept B" presented January 2010 to the Current Aquatics Facility Design Concept Presented February 2013.

The major difference between "Concept B" and Current Design Concept are:

To remove the Dive Well, Swim Lanes and reduce the length of the Lazy River from 770 linear feet to 440 linear feet from the Current Design Concept

An additional playground for children and another pool were added to the Current Design

	2013 Dollars
Capital Cost of Concept B	\$ 9,200,000
Project Reductions	
Removed inner loop of Lazy River	
Removed dive well & lap lanes	-1, 170,000
Project Additions	
Separated plunge pool from lazy river	
Added large play structure	
Added interactive tot play	500,000
In-kind services from City/County	-585,000
Capital Cost of Today's Concept	<u>\$ 7,945,000</u>

Following the presentation from Mr. Smith, Danny Aldridge made a motion to Sebastian County Quorum Court to amend the agenda and call for public input allowing each to limit their talk to 2 minutes. Linda Murry seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Pam Weber made a motion to the City Board of Directors to allow those who wanted to speak to have two minutes each for a total of 30 minutes of Public Comments. Phil Merry seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

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Public comments were heard from several students from Ramsey Junior High who feel that they are being cut short if the current design is built. They were very adamant that they wanted the dive well, swim lanes and the longer lazy river that were in Concept B. Comments were heard from Christy Armstrong, Shelly Burton, Brianna Northington, Madison Hill, Sarah Allen, Gregory Short, Lee Merry, Michelle Walker (teacher), Charlie Mitchell, Dr. Giltrap, Jackie Birdwell, Curtis Goldtrap and Loraina Baker. All of the comments were for the original Concept B and not the Current Design.

Judge Hudson stated it is clear what the people want. The question is how to pay for the additional cost when the features are put back in. We do need to move forward if we want to meet the current opening date of Memorial Day 2014.

John Spradlin asked Andy Smith how long it would take to come up with a dollar amount to take the best of the old plan and the new plan. Mr. Smith replied about two weeks. Judge Hudson asked Mr. Smith if he could have the information available for the February 19th meeting and he replied, probably not.

Andre' Good asked if any more Capital funds by the City could be put in.

Mayor Sandy Sanders stated that the City's commitment was based on the cost of 8 million at that time and that's why the City asked for 4 million in bonds. We could have asked for more if it had been needed. City Administrator Ray Gosack stated that the City is limited to 4 million by the City Sales Tax that was passed.

Bob Settle asked if the City's price of concrete could be used for this project to lower the cost. Ray Gosack said they could look into it.

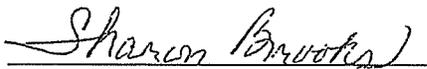
Judge Hudson stated that the Quorum Court may have some extra capital that they can provide up front to add back some of the features. If the Quorum Court votes to provide some extra money, the City could pay for operating losses until the County was repaid.

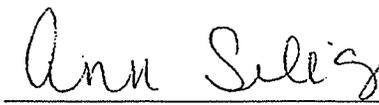
The Quorum court will consider appropriating the extra money at the February 19th meeting. The City and County will have to amend the Interlocal Agreement if the appropriation passes.

Jim Medley made a motion to adjourn. Andre' Good seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:


Sharon Brooks, County Clerk


Ann Selig, Deputy Clerk