

# ***COMMUNITY FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES***

***THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008***

***5:30 P.M.***

***CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS***

**WELCOME & ROLL CALL** Greg Starks, Chairperson, Pat Shrader, Lance Nichols, Justin Banning, Rick Sowers, Ann Torrey, and Terry Williams. Ed Elam, County Administrator, Ken Strobel, City Manager, and Cherise Tieben, Assistant City Manager.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval of April 3, 2008 minutes. Lance Nichols moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Pat Shrader. Motion carried, unanimous vote.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

County Proposal for Windthorst Church Project. Susie Rueb, President Windthorst Preservation Society requested \$25,000.00 from the Organizational Funding account to pay for the architectural drawings and planning of an addition building for handicap restroom and display area for artifact. The facility would be built adjacent to the church. The restroom facility is in great demand since the church is used for concerts, programs, and tours. The additional space would be used to display the many artifacts that are currently in storage since there is no secured area to display the pieces.

Rick Sowers moved to have a Letter of Intent drawn up in the amount of \$25,000.00. The church would be able to draw from the account as bills are submitted. No time limit on the use of the funds. Ann Torrey seconded the motion, unanimous vote.

A tour of the Windthorst Church by the CFAB members and City/County representatives was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Financial Report. Rick Sowers tabled the financial report until the next meeting since Nannette Pogue was unavailable to present the information. Justin Banning seconded the motion, unanimous vote.
2. Discussion & Recommendation for Tourism Coordinator/Director. Ken Strobel, City Manager discussed the need for a Tourism Coordinator/Director. The Master Tourism Plan will soon be presented to the CFAB by Heberling Associates and the implementation of the information given will require someone to oversee the plan. The Tourism Coordinator will be a position under the City and will have City benefits, an

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office at City Hall, and funded by the “Why Not Dodge” account. Justin Banning asked about advertising, how long the time frame of hiring someone, and the selection process.

Justin Banning motioned to approve the recommendation of a Tourism Coordinator/Director to go before the City/County Commission for their approval. Pat Shrader seconded the motion, unanimous vote.

3. Report from Expo Center Committee. Blain Davis of Architecture Plus presented information and diagrams to the CFAB members. Input from 4-H, RoundUp Rodeo, and the Ford County Extension was taken into consideration. The facility could be built on an as needed basis, with the cost estimated around \$16 to 18 million dollars. The facility would need approximately 7 or 8 acres of land, with 20 acres being optimal. Greg Starks asked Mr. Davis to reduce the size of the plans to 11 x 17 for handouts at the next CFAB meeting.
4. Report on Dodge City Raceway Park Improvements. The new building at the raceway park is 99% completed. The final touches and repairs are being completed and will be able to turn over the running of the facility 100% to Ed Beckley as soon as possible. The World of Outlaws will be in town this weekend.

Ken Strobel complemented and thanked city and county staff for all their hard work during this transition period and the preparation of the raceway for this upcoming World of Outlaws event.

5. Report on Legend’s Park Bleachers Cover. Ann Torrey, Justin Banning, Director of Parks and Recreation, Paul Lewis, and Assistant City Manager, Cherise Tieben met to discuss the color of the bleacher cover. Staff will make the final selection and the construction will take place in the fall 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourn at 6:40 p.m.**

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