

***Community Facilities Advisory Board Minutes***  
***City Commission Chambers***  
***Thursday, August 6, 2009***  
***7:00 p.m.***

**WELCOME:** Lance Nichols

**ROLL CALL:** Ann Torrey, Pat Shrader, Jim Lembright, Rick Sowers, Terry Williams, and Lance Nichols. Absent, Justin Banning.  
Ed Elam, Ford County Administrator and Ken Strobel, City Manager.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The minutes from the July 16, 2009 meeting was discussed. Item #3: budgeted amount for sign needs to be amended from \$200,040.00 to \$240,000.00. Rick Sowers motion to approve with change of amount, seconded by Jim Lembright. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Discussion of Signage Plan for Dodge City Civic Center, Raceway Park, and Legends Park. Paul Lewis has received a revised proposal from the vendor, Luminous Neon, which included a total cost decrease of \$44,056.00 for the three signs. Ann Torrey said she would like to see the Legends Park sign higher off the ground than the proposed 3'6". The consensus among the board was to raise the height of the sign to approximately 6 or 7 feet from the ground. Jim Lembright moved to recommend the total sign proposal with consideration given to the change of height of the Legends Park sign, seconded by Rick Sowers. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Ed Elam presented the County Commissions recommendation that the Expo Center project be the next major project for the CFAB to fund. Rick Sowers stated that before the CFAB makes a determination of the next project to fund, he would like to have a community survey completed. The boards consensus was to wait for the financial report once the total cost of the Special Events Center is determined before looking at additional projects. Jim Lembright moved not to recommend at this time that an Expo Center be the next major project that the CFAB will fund, seconded by Rick Sowers. Motion carried with 5 yes votes, 1 no vote by Ann Torrey, and Justin Banning abstained due to his late arrival (7:40 p.m.) and not hearing the full discussion.

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4. Ken Strobel reported that there have been ongoing discussions with the Casino group towards finalizing the Development Agreement and the agreement is close to completion. Still working with JE Dunn for a final General Contractors Agreement. The groundbreaking for the Special Events Center is scheduled for October 15, 2009. More details will follow. The Casino is still scheduled to be open for business by the end of this year.

Lance Nichols appointed Pat Schrader and Ann Torrey to meet with Cherise Tieben, Assistant City Manager, the Architects, and Global regarding the selection of colors for the Special Events Center.

Ed Elam added that the new Ford County Jail is scheduled to be open by October 1, 2009 and will have an Open House before that date.

Bob Lancaster informed the board that an Open House is being scheduled for viewing the pole banner signs by B&B Metal Arts.

**ADJOURNMENT: Jim Lembright moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Ann Torrey. Motion carried unanimously.**

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