

February 9, 2017 – Meeting of the LEC Expansion Committee

The LEC Expansion Committee met on Thursday February 9th, 2017. Representatives were members of the Board of Supervisors, Building Services, The Sheriff's Office, CMBA Architects, Goldberg Group Architects, The Baker Group, media, and public.

Others present were Karen James, Secretary, by Phone Goldberg Group Larry Goldberg

Selection of Chair and Secretary for 2017

Matthew Ung motioned and Greg Stallman seconded to appoint Supervisor Jeremy Taylor as Chairman of the LEC Expansion Committee, and Karen James as Secretary- Motions approved unanimously.

LEC Detention Facility Optimization Plan

The original LEC Facility in 1987 was designed for a maximum of 90 inmates. Today the facility houses a maximum of 234 inmates. The HVAC Systems was only designed for the 90 inmates. The meeting provided an update on findings to date and bright prospects looking forward. Building Services asked The Goldberg Group (GGA) to describe the LEC Optimization Plan study which has just been completed and details on how it would meet the original goals of the Committee.

Larry Goldberg explained that the reality of achieving the goals would need to be met through a series of projects that would ultimately jointly address- Modernization, Classification, PREA, Medical, Safety, Security Controls, Inmate storage, Evidence, HVAC Systems, and a Staff Break Area.

The Committee discussed individual project components, the specifics related to each, and how they all played a role in the overall success of an improved LEC. All groups attending asked questions and conveyed viewpoints.

GGA has proposed as part of their Optimization Plan 8-12 projects within the existing facility. These projects will upgrade areas of the Detention Facility to extend the life of the facility. The total of these projects is \$6.9 Million through a series of \$1.2 Million dollar improvements or less.

LEC Optimization Plan- GGA

The following series of improvement ideas for the LEC:

1. New Intake Area
2. New Booking, Interview, and assessment unit
3. New Medical Exam and Staff areas
4. Minimum Security Housing Upgrade
5. Alternate Minimum Security Housing Upgrade

6. Dayroom walls and showers
7. Revision of Cell Doors
8. Security Electronics Control System replacement

Projects slated for future consideration:

1. Sheriff's squad and conference areas
2. New special-needs housing unit
3. Elevator extension and basement renovation
4. Jail administration remodel

Committee Recommendations

1. The savings of \$1.2 Million at Prairie Hills over the next 10-years from the operating budget can be used to reduce the cost of these projects.
2. It was recommended to remove the elevator extension and basement renovation as well as the Sheriff's squad, conference area, and other reductions. This is a \$1.355 Million reduction.
3. Because of the items listed under one and two above, the \$6.95 Million has been reduced to \$4.645 Million.
4. The projects will address - Modernization, Classification, PREA, Medical, Safety, Security Controls, Inmate storage, Evidence, HVAC Systems, and a Staff Break Area.
5. Ratification of the study plan does not financially obligate the County and any projects would require Board approval.

Timeline for next steps

The recommendations is to place this on the Board of Supervisors Agenda in the next 2-3 weeks for information and/or action.

Meeting Adjourned