

Lamar County Sports Complex (LCSC) Visionary Board

Multi-Purpose Building Conference Room

Tuesday, Jan 22, 2019 - 1:15 PM

Minutes

1. Convene meeting at 1:15 PM- called to order by Sid Gonsoulin, Chair
2. Acceptance of minutes from the Dec. 12, 2018 Vision board Meeting (previously submitted to Board members on Dec. 18, 2018). Minutes approved with minor edits. Agreed upon to approve minutes via email in order to speed up the process of posting on the web site.
3. Wrap up Mission and Goals of the Lamar County Sports Complex Vision Board (previously submitted to Board Members on Dec. 18, 2018). Approved. Will submit to Jody Waites requesting LC Board of Supervisors for approval at the Jan.24th meeting.
4. Discussion regarding placing work of the Board within the website of the Parks and Recreation Department (tab content). Andy Mozingo and Travell Davis from the Information Technology department attended the meeting and shared information how the workings of the Vision Board will be represented within the Parks and Recreation website. There will be a separate tab that can be viewed which will include the Mission, names of Board members, contact information, (Board suggested that only Sid's name be listed as a contact with email), and minutes from each meeting. All requests to include on the web site will flow thru Jody Waites.
5. Discussion to advance the Sports/Activities Advisory Team. Sid indicated that he will be meeting with each Supervisor requesting names of citizens who may have an interest in serving on this advisory team. Vision Board members will also supply names and a request for participation will be placed on the web site. Specific meetings respective of sports/activities will scheduled to glean input from citizens.
6. Discussion regarding scope of work and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors with the intent of announcing Request for Qualifications (RFQ) proposals from engineering firms that would initially lead

to issuing a contract to complete a feasibility study of a comprehensive Sports Complex with potential siting on the 16th section land along HWY 98. Jody Waites requested that we develop initial components for the RFQ. The following should be considered: central to reaching most citizens, ease of access to space, size of space required, availability of space, suitability of space, cost to secure space, contiguous infrastructure (roads, utilities, etc.), ability to create access from different directions, wetland mitigation requirements, entrepreneurship opportunities, economic development opportunities, ability to obtain grants, legislative support, sponsorships and partnerships. Besides addressing these criteria, a successful respondent to an RFQ would have to provide the following: listing of similar successful projects and contacts for respective projects, provide images of successful projects, demonstrate that the successful projects were within budget and on time, be prepared to create artful and graphic images of the proposed Sports Complex with the intent to be used for presentations, demonstrate that the successful projects were within budget and on time, ability to create construction budgets, ability to bid construction projects, ability to administer construction of the project, ability to create operational/maintenance budgets and management schemes, primary respondent should be located within a 50 mile radius, does the respondent have a clear understanding of the preferred properties and the scope of services requested?

The above are merely recommendations for consideration and it is understood that the County will delete items and or include other items for the purpose of public vetting, evaluation and legal specifics.

7. Discussion of potential time table relative to the RFQ and Vision Board involvement. The time table would include a public announcement for RFQ proposals, an information sharing session for respondents two weeks after the announcement, then 2 weeks later the proposals from all respondents would be due. The Vision Board is expected to participate in the information sharing session and evaluation/ recommendations to the County Board, preferred respondents. An evaluation instrument will be created to adequately evaluate each respondent.
8. Discussion of Facilities in South Lamar County. Due to the quantity and condition of football and soccer fields located within the Purvis/ Lumberton areas it was recommended that these facilities receive consideration when advancing the financial packaging of comprehensive

sports complex facilities.

9. The Visionary Board appreciates the ADP and Todd Jackson for all of their support. Thank you for attending the Board meetings and providing essential input and materials such as the density population map and the sports participation demographic maps.
10. It was suggested that Wetland Delineation Studies should occur of the section 16 land prior to the completion of the RFQ. A request will be sent to Jody Waites recommending the studies.

Meeting adjourned at

2:20 PM