

Minutes
Hospital and Neighborhood Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

In a regular session, Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 7:05 p.m. in the Public Service Building, 900 S. Marshall, Marshall, MI, the Hospital and Neighborhood Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Jendryka.

Members Present: Rob Covert, Dave Deppe, Jim Pardoe, Nick Metzger, Holly Harnden, Ginger Williams and Chairman Ken Jendryka.

Members Absent: John LaPietra, Dave Ryan and Mark O'Connell

MOTION by Metzger, supported by Williams, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010 regular meeting. On a voice vote; **Motion Approved.**

The committee's principal goal was restated: Provide a plan to accommodate hospital expansion that is satisfactory to the Community and the Hospital.

Chairman Jendryka discussed the need to change March's meeting from March 8th to March 15, 2011 and the need to add an April meeting date. It was decided that March's meeting will be held on March 15, 2011 and an April meeting scheduled for April 12, 2011.

Rob Covert discussed the progress on the surgery addition of Oaklawn Hospital and stated that updates can be found on their website. He also stated that the level of competition will rise with Bronson Hospital buying Battle Creek Health Systems. Because of the level of care and reputation Bronson Hospital has, Covert stated that some patients will go back to Battle Creek. Mr. Covert talked about other smaller hospitals selling to larger hospitals around the state and he stated that usually when a larger hospital purchases a smaller hospital, it takes about 10 to 20 years before that hospital starts to lose services and eventually closes.

Jake Jeppesen, Walker Parking Consultants, reviewed the Phase I results from the Wednesday, December 16, 2010 survey and data collected. He stated the study area was broken down into 4 zones. There are 1804 parking spaces in all 4 zones. (Map is located at www.cityofmarshall.com under FAQ/Hospital & Neighborhood) Mr. Jeppesen stated that after the preliminary results from the data collected, there will be a deficit of 80 parking spaces. He also gave a 4 year estimate of a deficit of 210 parking spaces, and a 20 year estimate of a deficit of 385 parking spaces. Mr. Jeppesen stated that the study included a population increase of 1%, he will rerun the study with a higher population growth and submit the results to Mr. Jendryka.

The committee went over the handout on Parking Solutions Weighted Criteria Matrix. The following list will be used by Walker Parking Consultants for their process for evaluating potential solutions on current and future parking problems for the downtown area and Oaklawn Hospital.

Cost per Added Space 27%

- The annual debt service plus operating expenses divided by the number of spaces added to the system.

Walking Distance 17%

- The ability of a solution to satisfy parking needs within a reasonable walking distance.

Pedestrian Impact/Security 12%

- Consideration of the walking path and distances to/from the structure/lot and the degree of conflict with traffic patterns. The ability to safeguard the personal safety and property of the potential users.

Traffic Impact 12%

- The ability of vehicles to move to and from the area without conflicting negatively with traffic patterns.

Impact on the Neighborhood 12%

- The way in which an alternative positively or negatively impacts the neighborhood.

Internal Function 5%

- The ease of finding and accessing the available space, of remembering and relocating the parking location on return, and the ease of exiting the system.

Implementation 5%

- The ability to construct the solution based on existing physical obstacles or political obstacles. Is there a need to demolish or move any existing buildings to complete the solution?

Aesthetics 5%

- The height, mass and suitability of parking solutions with respect to the campus and neighboring properties.

Future Versatility 5%

- The ability to expand with minimal impediments.

Total 100%

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

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