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Date: 5/17/07
To: Pam Jones
From: Jim Compton, Dixon Weinstein Architects
Project: Orange County Animal Services

Orange County Animal Services Meeting- 5.10.07

Attendees: Pam Jones, Gwen Harvey, Jim Ward, Irene Paul, Susan Elmore, Jeff Thompson, Ellen Weinstein, Jim Compton, Heather Lewis (by telephone)

Ellen Weinstein and Jim Compton presented the revised site plan, floor plan, building sections, elevations and renderings.

The design committee had the following comments:

- Consider managing stormwater under the parking lot in order to free up site area. Look into using pervious paving like the Friday Center.
- The shelter operations manager office is missing. DWA to check the program and add the necessary space.
- Why is the night drop area located in the front of the building? Can the night drop be detached from the building? The night drop is a public use and typically used more often when located on the public side of animal shelters. DWA to work with shelter staff and Bob Marotto to determine the best location.
- Is there an environmental health issue with food storage? Heather Lewis indicated that sometimes there are issues with food prep areas.
- Will a veterinarian review the plans to double check that room and equipment adjacencies are correct prior to construction? Dr. Susan Elmore on the design committee. The schematic floor plan and program have been sent out for peer review. The results of one of two peer reviews are attached.
- The dividing wall between the intake lobby and the adoption lobby could be an accordion glass door that is opened up during large gatherings. This would allow for flexibility of the space.
- Can the featured pet room be more centered in the lobby so that intake and adoptions visitors can view?
- It may be interesting to place the public art along Eubanks Road so that the building has some presence/identifier from the street.

- Can stormwater be used to wash stalls? This is a possibility but currently, this has not been considered due to the potential for disease. If used, it would have to be filtered and made potable. The design team will study this as well as re-using stormwater to wash trucks and site irrigation.
- Warm water is preferred for dog run wash down. The design team is looking into using a solar boiler specifically for this purpose.
- Can radiant slabs be used to save energy costs? This type of building has large fresh air and air change requirements. Due to this, radiant slabs become a secondary system and are not currently in the budget.
- DWA will dash-in future expansion on the site plan so that this space is not allocated for other uses.
- Will the parking be phased? After studying the number of employees, volunteers and visitors that are expected to use the building everyday, all of the 49 proposed parking spaces are needed and will be built with the new building.
- Can the Phone/Data and Mechanical/Electrical Rooms be combined? The design team will look into this as the project moves forward.
- Provide a door between the intake and adoption desks so that staff can pass through.
- The entire building will need to be ADA accessible.
- Eliminate the 2 doors connecting Treatment/X-ray to Surgery Prep to prevent the spread of infectious disease.
- DWA to look into simplifying the building footprint as much as possible in order to control foundation costs.

END OF MINUTES

Next Meeting May 21, 2007- 5:00 Government Services Center, Hillsborough.