

Find the Future in Fremont  
Minutes  
Pine Street Administration Building  
September 30, 2008  
6:30 pm

1. Mick Hanna chaired the meeting in David Byrne's absence. He started by inquiring about community input. Bonnie Erber and Rhoni Kaastra had been at Side Street Café earlier in the day on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie reported that most people were in agreement that we need a new high school. The pool was controversial for the people at Side Street Café.
2. Bob McGraw proposed new drawings of the 4 site options. He started with a concept drawing of the current site with an extensive remodel and additions. He stated that at a recent meeting he attended on of the "take-home" points was "the greenest building is the building that already exists." He projected that the cost to remodel and add on to the current high school could be 105% of the building costs of a new facility. This site option would cost more than the other options. If this site is chosen, students would stay on-site during the construction. The additions would be built first and the students would move into those areas while the remodel would be completed. A concerned mother thought that her daughter who is a special education student would have a very difficult time learning with the construction.
3. Dr. Kingsnorth stated that the current code for safety in an emergency evacuation is students are not suppose to cross a major street or parking lot and they need to be at least 500 ft. from the school. This would not be possible at the current site.
4. Bob McGraw proposed a drawing of the high school being built at the Middle School site. The Quest building would be torn down and the new building could go in its place. The tennis courts and the softball fields would probably need to be relocated. A concern stated in regards to this option was the school being buried deep into the residential area and the traffic would triple. An alternate route would be very beneficial given this option.
5. Bob McGraw proposed a drawing of the NC RESA site. The building would be located behind the Career Tech Center. The traffic would enter the site from Luce. A new utility line and road would be costly. This site is ideal for expandability and a new stadium. The proximity to the career tech center would cut down on transportation costs because students could walk. Sanitary would be expensive and would need to go all the way to the water treatment plant. Approximately, the sanitary would be 4-6 million dollars. At minimum the line would have to go to the city limits.

6. Bob McGraw proposed a drawing of the Fairgrounds site. The building would go on the high point of the land. There would be storm water retention and the fields would be built on the lower portion of the land. There are NO regulated wetlands at this site. The property has to be purchased from the City of Fremont. The sanitary lines wouldn't be as much as NC RESA. A possible bridge across the creek could be expensive. There would be a service road built between the Fairgrounds and the Middle School site.
7. A question was posed: Where is the minimum amount of sensitivity? If we ranked the sites, which one would have the least amount of challenges? There was no easy answer for these questions.
8. The Fairgrounds committee is meeting the next 4 Wednesdays to look at their options for relocation in the event that this would be the chosen site.
9. Mick shared items on the voter history. The list from 2003 registration showed 4,178 names of people who voted over those 3 elections. We have the names of those who voted. (First vote: 2,740 people, Second vote: 3,193 people and Third vote: 3,725 voters.) 1,700 people voted in all 3 elections. 1,012 people voted in 2 elections. Over 700 registered voters didn't vote. If we wanted to do a survey we would start with the voter list. MASP has a service for \$500 they will run this for us if we get email addresses. They would advise, and analyze the survey. It would be 3<sup>rd</sup> party and all electronic. Mick thinks it is very important to get email addresses for these 4,100 people. Mick said that 30% will vote yes and 30% will vote no. We want to get the yes votes to 40%.
10. Dr. Kingsnorth wondered about doing a random sample of 300 people from the 4,100 people on the list.
11. The typical response rate to a survey is 4% to 20% with the average being 10% to 11%.
12. Bob said we may want to offer the option of doing the survey over the phone or by email.
13. Would the churches put our web site in their church bulletins for additional exposure?
14. Bonnie Erber stated that 40% of local people get the Indicator and 20% read it. The City Beat should have an article and the Chamber of Commerce should have our information on their web site.
15. Someone suggested that our web site [futureoffremont.com](http://futureoffremont.com) be put on the digital sign at the High School.

16. Erich Heger discussed his research on a new pool. He said the operational costs with a part time director would be \$250,000 annually. This would be an 8 lane pool with a dive range. It would meet the codes for meets. He stated that there is a lot of opportunity with our pool that hasn't been tapped into. Currently, we cannot have duel events because the locker rooms are being used by whatever activity is in the gym. Erich needs more direction at this point to do more for the committee as far as the pool is concerned. He said that Tamarac would have a need. They could buy the existing pool to offer to their citizens. He stated that the temperature of the pool makes a big difference. The current High School pool could be kept warmer for therapy. The speed and distance swimming could be done in the new pool which would be kept cooler.
17. Dr. Kingsnorth said the Gateway Committee would be interested in the Tamarac purchasing the existing high school pool for a nominal amount.
18. Another pool concept would be 1 big community center attached to Tamarac with outside access to school and community. They don't have the money for this right now.
19. Ms. Converse has offered to create an endowment for operational costs of a new pool.
20. Community Forum dates:
  - a. Dr. Hudson @ Pine Medical Wed., Oct.8 @ noon
  - b. Denise Hudson & Bonnie Erber @ Dayton Twp Thurs., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
  - c. Denise Hudson @ Tamarac Mon., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> time TBA
  - d. ? @ Sheridan TWP Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>
  - e. Township Hall Meeting dates will be Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with locations TBA

Meeting Ended @ 9 pm