Minutes – Strategic Planning Co-Chair Council
Friday, May 11, 2007
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11:00 AM to 1:00 PM


Introductions:
Gail Zwart introduced the consultants for the Norco Campus Master Plan and Educational Master Plan design team. Representatives included Jim Favaro, Project Manager and Steve Johnson, Project Architect for MDA Johnson Favaro. Gail also introduced the members of Stratus Heery International, Inc. a firm that is working with MDA Johnson, as part of the planning team. Attending representatives included Sal Rinella, Strategic Consultant and Jennifer Stripe, Senior Consultant.

MDA Johnson Favaro Presentation:
Jim Favaro explained that they are the architectural and urban design team that has been selected to assist the Norco campus with the creation of a campus master plan that will provide guidelines for the development of the campus over the next thirty years. Today’s presentation was an overview of the preliminary work that has been completed, its scope and information the completion schedule. Highlights of the presentation follow.

- The design team includes an in-house team and a technical team. All teams will work together to gather information from regulatory agencies in the area; along with RCCD and the Norco community.
- Both the Educational and Facilities Master Plans will be completed at the same time. Usually the Educational Master Plan is already completed before the Educational Master Plan is prepared. Norco’s Educational plan is being done in conjunction with the Facilities Master Plan. Scheduled completion of the Educational Master Plan is September 10 and completion of the Facilities Master Plan is November 20.
- MDA Johnson Favaro needs to meet with the co-chair council in small groups. Two groups have already scheduled meeting dates. Need the two remaining groups to contact them with available meeting times.
- Both plans need to be completed prior to the accreditation site visit.
- The Master plans need to look at the total learning environment. The best way to accomplish our goals is to look at our long term vision. Where do we want to be in thirty years (2038)? Then we work backward to see how we can get from where we are today to where we want to be in the year 2038.
- Jim explained that there are several challenges that have to be discussed. A couple areas of concern are where the main focus location within the campus should be, how do we
handle the challenging topography and where should another entrance/exit to the campus be located.

- The consultants shared that the campus is made up of 141 acres of land. A 3D aerial map has been completed showing that there are two large slopes covering approximately 60 acres. The campus has approximately 82 acres of usable land. Approximately 40% of the campus is currently paved for roads and walking areas.
- There are some problematic buildings that need to be addressed. Areas of concern are the Tiger’s Den/SSV Building. These two buildings are inadequate and difficult to renovate. We also need to think about the temporary/portable buildings that may soon be at the end of their useful lives. Included in this area are the CACT and the bookstore.
- It is estimated that the campus student head count in 2038 will be 20,632 (3% growth per year) indicating that Norco will need about 400,000 more square feet of building space and approximately 5,000 more parking spaces. These areas have to be addressed in the master plans.
- Jim shared some history of campus design. He indicated that each campus should have a rectangular “quad/courtyard” area that classroom buildings surround. This would be the “heart” of the campus. He said that the courtyard is a very important component of all campuses.

**Q & A and DISCUSSION:**

- Completed master plan will help campus have a clear, structured process for future buildings.
- The Norco campus will be the largest of the three RCCD campuses.
- Suggestion from Jim Favaro that Norco makes sure that all parts of the campus are somehow connected, even if it is just with landscaping.
- Consultants need to know what Norco considers their most pressing facility needs for the next 6-8 years.
- It was suggested that Norco also address the need for accurate signage on campus.
- Jim Favaro asked if Norco was including athletics in their vision of the campus in the next few years. The committee feels that athletics is definitely something that should be included.