

## Devenger Special Tax District

Meeting Minutes April 12, 2011, 7:00 pm, Devenger Family Center

DSTD Members Present: David Fowlkes, Randy Hull, Norm Kirkwood, Susan Lyness, Bain Stewart

### Minutes

1. Norm Kirkwood called the meeting to order, read "Purpose of Tax District", reviews agenda

Open forum for residents to speak: Wendy Riddle, Family Center Board Secretary, states that she will soon be putting together the neighborhood newsletter, states that she would like to include a human interest article in each edition. Asks that the Tax Board alert her to any information we would like published in the newsletter. Ralph Porter asks about flooring for the new building (see minutes from January mtg.), Marie Fowler explains where the floor applications will be applied. Much discussion about flooring, the need for staining and sealing the concrete. Marie explains that she and Susan Lyness examined samples of work from two flooring treatment providers and believes that Carolina Flooring Specialists will provide the most safe and durable finish. Holland Lawson asks about posting of minutes to the website, concerned about paying for the flooring in Family Center Building, stated that "Susan Lyness said that we are getting security cameras here at the Family Center". More questions regarding the floor. Also discussion regarding signage at the basketball courts ("Devenger residents and their guests only, play at your own risk" and "this property under the jurisdiction of the Greenville County Sheriff's Department") and creek/culvert areas ("please leave rocks in place"). The Board needs to inquire about such signs, as well as correct verbage suggested by Chris Miller, Deputy.

### Old Business

1. Minutes from the November 7, 2010, meeting were presented and approved, as amended, by the Board.
2. Minutes from the January 18, 2011, meeting were presented and approved, as amended, by the Board.
3. Discussion of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financials, approved.

### New Business

Regarding the request from DPFC Board for funding to upgrade the flooring in the new Family Center Building. The DPFC has asked that the Special Tax District fund an upgrade to the floors of new building in the amount of \$3197., specifically sanding and applying a non-slip industrial epoxy coating to areas inside the building (both bathrooms and entryway) and applying a concrete stain and sealant on the concrete covered by the patio. Discussion amongst the Board regarding the request: that it would increase the value and longevity of the building, that flooring should be applied prior to use of the building while floors are clean and unmarred. Others stated that they believed that this flooring should have been included in original construction contract and that we should not have to pay to enhance them. A vote was taken: Members Norm Kirkwood, Susan Lyness and David Fowlkes voted to approve the funding, Bain Stewart voted against and Randy Hull abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

Regarding the request from G. Hollingsworth re streetlight, Board members found out that the power source for the light needs to be installed in the neighbors' yard, spec. neighbors Calvin Bostic

and Brad Faulkenberry. Mr. Hollingsworth has rec'd permission from his neighbors for the light to be installed, however there is a question regarding its' installation because of potential damage to neighbors' yards. Questions regarding our Board's ability to hire a contractor to trench through the neighbors' yards causing less damage to yard than would be incurred if yard trenched by Laurens Electric. Randy Hull and David Fowlkes have both visited the properties and and Norm Kirkwood asks if there is a precedent regarding this issue. No one knows of one. A Board member suggests that we would need these neighbors to sign a waiver stating that the line could be installed on their property. Mr. Hollingsworth had previously requested installation of this light, many years ago, and the Board would like to assist him, says Chairperson Norm Kirkwood. Randy Hull and David Fowlkes will continue to investigate the situation to see how we may move forward.

Prior to this meeting, the Tax District Board agreed to provide \$250. to the Family Center to assist in their annual Clean-up Day on April 9, 2011. The money would be used to provide plants, soil and mulch to cover the island at the back of parking lot. The Board voted via e-mail to provide the money for this project as the funds were needed prior to the date of our April meeting. E-mail records show that 4 votes were received in support of funding the project.

Susan introduces an ADT proposal for installation of security cameras and signage in and around new building and pool area. Hard drive and monitor could be placed within the building in a protected area. If wi-fi available at the pool, footage from cameras could be accessed off-site by individuals who were provided with a code. ADT rep suggests that we install a 2-camera system with an option for a 3<sup>rd</sup> camera. Cost for cameras, system and signage would be \$2243., with an optional maintenance program of \$21. per month (in which equipment is replaced at no charge). More proposals are needed.

Other items and resident comments: Marie Fowler asks about improving the basketball court surface, the Board needs to request quotes for both basketball and tennis court repair and/or resurface. At this time, we could probably only undertake work on the basketball courts but it would be good to get estimates for tennis courts at the same time. Holland Lawson states that "he doesn't think that anyone in the neighborhood would think that trading officer security for ADT cameras is a good idea". He also doesn't like the plants that we are using at the entryways, thinks we should use perennials. Doesn't think we should pay insurance for the Board, Board member states that the \$2500. insurance for the Board is required by County Council. Marie Fowler and Kim Cowgill thank the outgoing members of the Special Tax District Board for their service.