

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

SUBJECT:

Restroom/Concession Stand at Perry Park

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2007, the board approved allowing the city to designate a portion of the Schofield Middle School as Perry Park. The park has been met with much enthusiasm in the community. The Concerned Ministers Fellowship has brought the need for a restroom at Perry Park to our attention. They are requesting our permission to construct a restroom/concession stand at this site.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The property is presently maintained by the City of Aiken and will continue to be maintained by the city. The city is in agreement with this project. Since it is on school district property construction will have to follow the State Department of Education, Office of School Facilities guidelines and codes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Allow the Concerned Ministers Fellowship in conjunction with the City of Aiken to construct restroom/concession stand facilities at Perry Park on Schofield's Campus.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter from Concerned Ministers Fellowship
Letter from City of Aiken

PREPARED BY:

David M. Caver



To: Mr. David Caver

Cc: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Re: Community support for bathrooms at Perry Park

September 5, 2014

Dear Aiken County School District:

This is a formal request to you from the Concern Ministers Fellowship of Aiken, SC, and the surrounding areas which is comprised of over 20 churches throughout the Aiken County School District. We have a membership of over 6 thousand members to whom we serve. We are coming to you with a request to build bathroom facilities at Perry Park and Eustis Park for citizens and families who participate in various activities at these locations; however, whenever there is a need, citizens must leave the park to find the closest bathroom facility. In the case of Perry Park citizens and visitors have to walk quite a distance to get to the bathroom down the street especially seniors who enjoy the park for concerts, cookouts and family gathering (some of these seniors are 80 and over). We have discussed this matter with some of City Council, Dr. Elizabeth Everitt and yourself as well as Ms. Diggs and Ms. Price who stated that they have shared this with the former City Manager.

Discussions with both the City Council, Dr. Everitt, Mr. Levi Green and yourself, all seem to agree with the citizens of North side of Aiken and the CMF that this would be a great idea for our county and community. The only thing that is needed is for the Aiken County School District to grant permission to the City of Aiken to go forward with the building of bathrooms and a small concession stand at Perry Park. We are here on behalf of the citizens to ask you to please grant this permission.

To Dr. Everitt the Concerned Ministers Fellowship would like to congratulate you and your team on efforts of making our schools better and more represented of our entire county. Under your leadership, much has been accomplished and we look forward to continuing a great working relationship and successes in the city and county of Aiken---a community that strive to work together for the benefit of all.



The Word of God In Action

Should you have a desire to contact me-I can be reached at 803-640-4568 or Rev. Brendolyn Jenkins
Boseman at 803-645-3296.

Note: The CMF is a group of ministers and community leaders who listen to issues and concerns both
positive and negatively expressed by citizens of things taking place in our city and county. I look
forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Rev Paul Bush, President
Concerned Ministers Fellowship

Cc: Dr. Everitt, Mr. Caver and Mr. Levi Green

Councilmembers: Price, Diggs,

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September 15, 2014

Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Aiken County School District
1000 Brookhaven Drive
Aiken, SC 29805

Dear David:

The Aiken City Council received a request from the Concerned Ministers Fellowship asking the City to construct an outdoor restroom facility at the Perry Park section of Schofield Middle School. The Council has agreed to move forward with this project using our Capital Projects Sales Tax funding.

The facility could include restrooms, a limited concession/catering area and a small patio. A location would be determined working with the Recreation Commission and only after approval from the School District. The building would be designed and approved according to the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of School Facilities' guidelines and codes. The City would work closely with your facilities Director Kevin Chipman throughout the process.

It is our desire to move forward with this project as soon as possible. We do have the funding available at this point. Mr. Chipman has made us aware that the approval process from the state could take several weeks. We would like begin the discussions now so that the project can be completed early in 2015.

Sincerely,

H. Glenn Parker
Capital Projects Sales Tax Manager

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