



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: CSISD Board of Trustees

From: Eddie Coulson, Superintendent of Schools

Date: June 15, 2007

Subject: Approval of Land Site for Elementary Number Seven and a Name for Elementary Number Seven

Agenda Item: K-3

Board Priority/
District Goals: Priorities 2 and 3: Goals 1, 2 and 5

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Background

As the District begins the planning and design for the next elementary school, having a site for the school early in the process becomes critical. To that end, the CSISD Administration reviewed the enrollment patterns at the elementary school level. Based on the review it was determined that the 30 acre site behind Cypress Grove Intermediate School would be an excellent location for the Districts next elementary school.

The District completed a Feasibility Study, including a Phase One Environmental Study and a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination of Waters of the US. Much of the completed Feasibility Study was based on the input from the City of College Station staff. In addition, district administrators have met with the city staff to receive their input related to the 30 acre site behind Cypress Grove. Based on the feasibility study and the follow up meeting with the city staff, the city has agreed that the 30 acre site behind Cypress Grove is an ideal location for an elementary school.

Currently the land in question is zoned by the city as A-O. At one time in the past, land zoned as A-O allowed for educational facilities; however the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) was changed several years ago, and the new UDO no longer allows for land zoned A-O to be used for educational facilities. As a result, the district will need to have the site rezoned to R-1 (or similar) in order to have an educational facility built. The District has engaged the firm of Mitchell and Morgan to begin the rezoning process.

Based on the analysis we have completed, it is the Districts recommendation to name the 30 acre site behind Cypress Grove as the location for the Districts seventh elementary school, pending the necessary rezoning.

In addition to selecting a site for the seventh elementary, it is necessary to name the school. Name options will be discussed with the board at the workshop session at 5:30. It will be our intention not to associate the name of the school with any one development or with the name of an individual, but to have a school name that accurately reflects the geography of the land.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the CSISD Board name the 30 acre site behind Cypress Grove Intermediate School, pending rezoning, as the site for the Districts seventh elementary campus. In addition, it is recommended that the CSISD Board select a name for the new elementary campus.