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Item:

Update on Design of the New Durham County Youth Home, Project No. DC-001 (20min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: February 3, 2020

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to receive an update from Moseley Architects regarding the design of the New Durham County Youth Home.

In 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved funds for a Youth Home Program and Site Master Plan, which included an update to the 2014 Building Assessment Report. The study identified current and future needs of the Home, and the building assessment results indicated that repairing, upgrading, and expanding the outdated facility is not cost-effective.

This project is the design of a new 36-bed Durham County Youth Home to replace the existing 14-bed facility on the 8.1-acre site currently shared with the Durham County Fire Marshal's and Emergency Management Offices. The new expanded facility will be designed to facilitate best practices and accommodate the housing of older juveniles after SB257 Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act (aka Raise the Age Law) takes effect on December 1, 2019. The design will follow the standards of the North Carolina Administrative Code 10A NCAC 14J, Rules and Laws Governing the Operations, Surveillance, and Monitoring of Jail Facilities, and the American Correctional Association Standards for Juvenile Detention Facilities. The existing Home will be demolished after the new facility is occupied. This project will pursue LEED Gold certification.

The Board has requested that the County seek to partner with NCDPS and regional communities in the funding of the new facility. In fall 2019, County Manager Davis sent a letter to the County's catchment area communities (Orange, Chatham, Person, Granville, and Vance) to gauge their interest in partnering with Durham County on this project. To date, we have heard from Orange, Granville and Vance counties on their interest in partnering with Durham. In early December 2019 Durham received a letter from NCDPS Deputy Director William Lassiter indicated NCDPS's interest in partnering on this project. The letter is attached. The County is currently working on a funding proposal to be shared with the interested partners this winter.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request aligns with the County's Strategic Goal 3: Safe Community, Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship & Community Prosperity, and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Jodi Miller, General Manager, Peri D. Manns, ASLA, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, Angela Nunn, Youth Home Director, Linda C. Salguero, AIA, CPD, Project Manager, Dan Mace, AIA, Vice President Moseley Architects, and Bryan Payne, AAIA, Senior Associate Moseley Architects.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive an update from Moseley Architects regarding the design of the New Durham County Youth Home.

County Manager: _____