INFORMATION ITEM: Designer Selection for UNCG Mixed Use Village-Housing Phase 1

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Capital Facilities Foundation will construct an 800-bed student housing project within UNCG’s Mixed Use Village. This represents Phase I of the strategic housing plan approved by the Board of Trustees on August 17, 2009. The Board of Trustees previously approved a lease for these improvements with the Capital Facilities Foundation on September 10, 2009.

Project Budget: $50,000,000

The project was advertised on the North Carolina General Administration website and thirty-two (32) letters of interest were received, of which six (6) were from Guilford County. The list was narrowed to a short list of six (6) firms for review and presentation of qualifications. The following is a list of those firms:

Clark Nexsen Architecture & Engineering
J Hyatt Hammond Associates/Newman Architects
Little Diversified Architectural Consulting
Lord Aeck Sargent/TFF Architects
Moser Mayer Phoenix/Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas
Perkins Eastman Architects

On November 5, 2010, the Capital Facilities Foundation held interviews for the UNCG Mixed Use Village – Housing Phase 1 project.

The firm of Lord Aeck Sargent/TFF Architects, Chapel Hill, NC was selected as the Designer because:

1. Lord Aeck Sargent has previous experience working with the Capital Facilities Foundation (CFF) on the development of the Vision Plan for the Mixed Use Village; they have participated in a number of meetings with the Glenwood neighborhood representing the CFF; and, they have detailed knowledge of the goals and objectives of the project.

2. Lord Aeck Sargent teamed with TFF Architects, a Greensboro firm with experience working with the local reviewing and inspection agencies. Both firms are located in close proximity to the UNCG campus and have familiarity working with the UNCG campus, the UNC system and the City of Greensboro.

3. The team has experience in both student housing, mixed use developments, and urban planning. It was the only team that had team members currently working on the High Point Road/West Lee Street Corridor improvements.

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