



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony for Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance
Meadowbrook Park (Capital Project N-3105)

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: James M. Irvin, Director
Department of Public Works

Date: October 7, 2009

The Department of Public Works supports the above-referenced legislation and recommends its approval by the Howard County Council.

The construction of the indoor recreation facility is ongoing at Meadowbrook Park. A recent fiscal analysis of Capital Project N-3105 indicates that approximately \$400,000 of additional funding is needed to complete the program at the complex. These funds are needed in the following areas:

1. Equipment and Furnishings	-	\$125,000
2. Design Changes	-	\$40,000
3. Construction Claims	-	\$135,000
4. Project Contingency	-	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total		= \$400,000

Equipment and furnishings – Sports equipment, canopy, bleachers, ice machine and the County's computer network.

Design Changes – Retaining wall, ADA accessibility and landscaping.

Construction Claims – Building columns, foundation, paving, electrical supply, fire protection, painting and weather proofing.

In March of this year, the County Council approved Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance (TAO) 2 Fiscal Year 2009 that authorized the transfer of \$1,010,000 from Capital Project N-3105 (Meadowbrook Park) to Capital Project N-3960 (Robinson Nature Center). The purpose of TAO 2 FY 09 was to fully fund the Robinson Nature Center, allowing us to bid Robinson's construction phase to take advantage of the current economic situation which was showing a trend of decreasing construction costs. As anticipated, we did receive favorable construction bids for Robinson Nature Center. Therefore, the funding is available in N-3960 (Robinson Nature Center) for this TAO.

At the time we presented TAO 2 FY 2009, it was projected that Meadowbrook Park would be completed under budget. Meadowbrook Park remains under its originally budgeted cost. However, when we transferred funds to Robinson Nature Center, we overestimated how far under budget Meadowbrook Park would be.

cc: Jennifer Sager