Jonesboro SportsPlex Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes: June 6, 2024 11:00 am

Houlihan's Private Dining Room, Embassy Suites

Steering Committee Chair Kevin Hodges started the meeting by updating the committee on where the SportsPlex project stands and the purpose of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to help architects and designers get a feel for the direction the interior design should take. No final decisions were made on what the design will be.

Kevin Hodges introduced Mark Keane, Architect, from Crafton-Tull and Alyssa Jackson and Mattie Rogers from Hastings+Chivetta

After introductions were made, Alyssa Jackson took steering committee members through examples of possible interior design ideas for the SportsPlex.

Jackson noted they were inspired by the vibrant colors of downtown Jonesboro murals, interesting angles in Jonesboro architecture, and that they want to incorporate complementary looks into the SportsPlex.

Jackson showed plans to use porcelain tile in the entryways, hallways, and locker rooms.

Offices will be carpeted. Other office areas like a break room and server room will have vinyl tile for flooring.

Jackson said the kitchen will be fitted with a slip-resistant tile.

Much of the discussion centered around the playing surfaces for the 8-court gym and the 4-court gym a.k.a. the Event Center.

The committee agreed the 8-court gym should be hardwood or traditional basketball court flooring.

There are many possibilities for the flooring in the 4-court gym (event center). Tera-flex flooring was discussed as the best surface for volleyball.

Through speaking about a teraflex floor, concern was raised that the type of flooring may prevent the hosting of events like a car show.

After breaking for lunch, the members of the committee sampled colors and pattern samples brought by Jackson and Rogers.

Committee members gave various opinions on colors and textures and different material types for different parts of the building.

Jackson elaborated that murals and shapes could be painted on walls to create flow and possibly be used as wayfinding.

The meeting concluded at 12:30

In attendance:

Craig Rickert

Kevin Hodges

Aaron S. Bell

Jack Sample

David Daniel

Jamar Andrews

Kerry Summitt

Mark Owings

Katie Hill

Mark Keane (Crafton-Tull)

Alyssa Jackson (Hastings+Chivetta)

Mattie Rogers (Hastings+Chivetta)

Media in Attendance:

Maddie Sexton, KAIT

Rebecca Robinson, KASU