Trustee, M. Rowley called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. and turned it over to L. Ramseyer who then introduced Doug Kozma, SmithGroup JJR and Frank Markley, Paulien & Associates Inc. They gave an update on the programming and visioning for the new Saginaw Center. D. Kozma explained the definition of programming for purposes of the presentation which refers to the spacing and physical layout of the building elements.

D. Kozma also indicated the five elements of success for the future Saginaw Center which include:

1. Develop and implement unique program opportunities
2. Increase academic scheduling efficiency
3. Develop appropriate staffing to ensure success
4. Engage the community
5. Create center branding

He also noted the three phases for the project which are the:

- vision (student success, community engagement, business partnerships and college branding)
- program (data projection; teaching and learning; student intake and support; academic support; workforce and community; faculty and staff; and campus support)
- location (create selection criteria; identify candidate sites; inventory and analysis, site selection).
During the process there has been a lot of participation from the college in terms of students; faculty and staff; academic division chairs; student and education services managers; corporate services and lifelong learning; academic and student services – deans; academic support (testing services, TLC – Tutoring, Library); executive council and the strategic planning committee. Others from outside the college included the community groups in downtown Saginaw, the City of Saginaw and Saginaw Future.

Looking at the vision of the new center from an educational perspective includes being unique from the other Delta College centers, having tailored program offerings, being a place with technologies that enable students, being strategically aligned with local resources and a starting place and continuum for higher education. On the community side there is a place-making destination, the ability to be integrated within the local fabric, a welcoming place for students and the community, embracing the downtown urban form, transparency of purpose and also a safe place with a sense of belonging.

F. Markley noted that this whole process has been backed with a lot of base data along with comparison data from 13 other urban area colleges. He also noted the ASF or assignable square footage with the current Ricker Center at 15,731 ASF and the new proposed Saginaw Center to have 23,950 ASF. The percentages dedicated to the classrooms and laboratories remains very similar between the current center and the proposed one.

F. Markley also explained the preliminary program plan which includes the various classrooms, teaching laboratories and amenities such as multiple fronts of room, flexible furnishings, wireless connectivity, dimmable lighting, presentation technologies, power in the floor and tethered podiums. He also talked about the possible layouts for various other areas to be included such as open laboratories; collaborative or group study areas; and office spaces for administration, security, student services and faculty. Learning commons would house items such as computer kiosks, quiet study area, current periodicals/reference areas, computer workstations, flexible furniture, presentation or group study rooms, and power outlets in floor/furniture. Also included in the proposed plan is a student center/commons area for open lounge seating, a grab & go café, meeting rooms, vending, and also a multipurpose meeting space. This meeting space could be used for corporate/workforce training, community events, student activities, wellness, college events and classrooms.

F. Markley noted that the total net to gross square footage will total around 37,000. This takes in to account the spaces such as restrooms, small delivery dock, custodial, mechanical/electrical rooms, data closets, open corridors, vertical access (stairs, elevators) and walls/structural elements. The main goal is to have a quality, purposeful and flexible space.

Board members asked questions about the proposed layout and also concerns with the declining population in the Saginaw area.

The proposed site selection criteria for Board approval at the regular meeting includes:
A. Asset Adjacencies / Amenities: Parking, walking time and distance to amenities, proximity to public safety, lights on
B. Feasibility/Availability: Ownership (who), current use (what), acquisition/demolition (readiness)
C. Image and Visibility: Branding/identity opportunity, signature location
D. Land Use and Development Constraints: Zoning compatibility, past development history, encumbrances
E. Site Size and Configuration: Overall acreage, dimensions, flexibility
F. Transportation: Bus, car, bike, walk, locations, number of stops/transfers
G. Utilities and Infrastructure: Water, sanitary, storm, gas, power, telecomm; streetscape and civic improvements

R. Emrich noted that cost should be added to the list of criteria as a big consideration. He also noted that feasibility/availability and land use and development constraints should be weighted higher than the other criteria.

Trustee, M. Rowley then introduced the two new board members Diane Middleton and Mary Morrissey.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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