

MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 01- 34
ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS
FOR THE EXPANSION OF OAKLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION: This is a proposal by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) to purchase four parcels (075-083-29, 30, 31 &32) to be included in the renovation and addition of the existing Oaklawn Elementary School. This addition would create an 800 student Elementary School. The subject parcels are located on the corner of Oaklawn Avenue and Mulberry Street and are adjacent to Oaklawn Elementary School.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION: The project will provide adequate land to facilitate a site development plan to accommodate recommended parking, bus loading area, off street stacking and playground areas for the expanded school.

PROJECT IMPACT: The proposed project will serve to relieve crowding at Oaklawn Elementary School. Additionally, it will allow for future enrollment growth in grades K-5 in this region of the school district.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS: The proposed project is part of a long range planning process of creating equitable school facilities through out the County. The Facility Equity initiative establishes a minimum facility baseline for current CMS schools. This baseline is intended to specify the threshold for all existing facilities. It is the minimum facility required to offer the full CMS program at elementary, middle or high schools based upon the best available data and the professional opinions of the CMS Building Services staff.

This request was presented to the Joint Use Task Force at their June 6, 2001 meeting. There were no comments from the task force regarding this request.

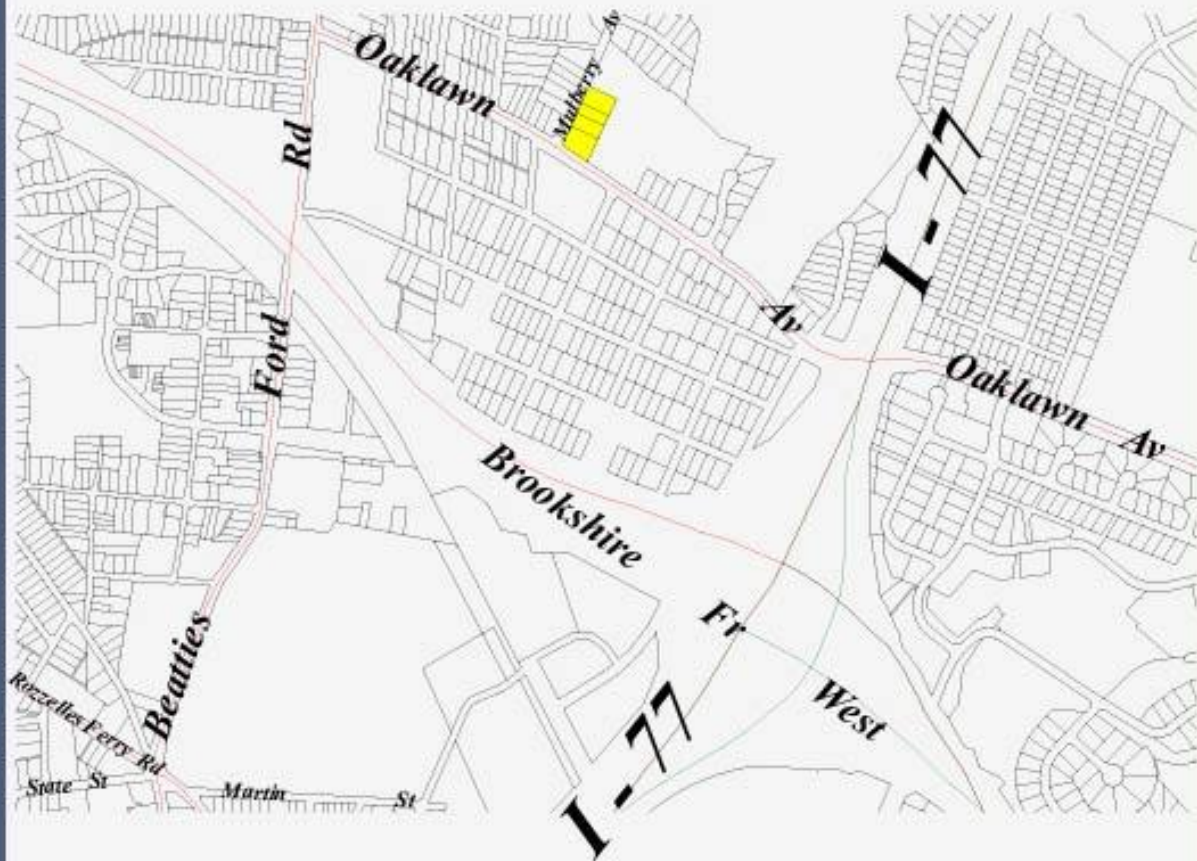
PROJECT COST: Estimated cost, developed in conjunction with the CMS Capital Needs Assessment process is approximately \$7 million. This estimate includes cost for land purchases, construction, design, furnishings/equipment, and project management. A portion of the project is funded with 1996 State bonds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff supports the purchase of these properties for the expansion of Oaklawn Elementary School.

PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Approved by a vote of 6-0.

Mandatory Referral: MR01-34



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Instructions:

This form is provided to capital project initiating agencies for reporting proposed projects to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission in accordance with the requirements of North Carolina House Bill 855.

Proposed capital projects are to be submitted to the Planning Commission using this form, at least 30 days prior to presenting the project to the governmental unit having authority to authorize it.

In order to constructively review a project proposal, a full description of the project and its objectives is necessary. Please provide all of the information requested and all available graphic information.

I.	Initiating Department	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education	Date	5/28/01
		Planning Services	Prepared	
		And Building Services Departments		
		701 E. Second Street		
		Charlotte, NC 28202		
	Submitted By	Harold Jenkins (Building Services) 704-343-6050		

II. Project Name Oaklawn Elementary

Location and Description of Project

The proposed properties are located on the corner of Oaklawn Ave & Mulberry St adjacent to Oaklawn Elementary. The site consists of 4 parcels: 075-083-29,30,31,32. (See attached location and site maps). This project consists of the renovation and addition to the existing Oaklawn Elementary School to create an 800-student elementary school.

III. Project Justification/Need (Provide information about why the project is being proposed at this location, i.e. response to growth, relieve overcrowding, correct racial imbalance, etc.)

The project will provide adequate land to facilitate a site development plan to accommodate recommended parking, bus-loading area, off street stacking and playground areas.

IV. Project Impact (Explain the impact of the proposed project on nearby schools, i.e. abandonment,
**The proposed project will serve to relieve crowding at the above-referenced schools and to allow
for future enrollment growth in grades K-5 in this region of the school district.**

V. Relationship to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Future School Planning Task Force (Committee of
33) Guidelines.

**The proposed project is part of a long range planning process of creating equitable facilities
though out the county.**

VI. Project Status (Check those that apply)

Nothing done but this report		Land not yet acquired	X
Preliminary plans completed	X	Land acquisition underway	X
Detailed plans completed		Land acquired	
No land acquisition involved		Project under contract	

(Please send site plans if available.)

VII. Proposed Development Schedule (Identify any known external factors which are critical to the timing of this project. For example, the opening of a major shopping center, or construction of a new school. **The project is schedule to start within the next year and be completed by 2004.**

VIII. Relationship of this proposal to other public (Is this project part of a series of projects.

interrelated capital projects?)

This project is part of a Facility Equity initiative to establish a minimum facility baseline for current CMS schools. This baseline is intended to specify the threshold for all exiting facilities. It is the minimum facility required to offer the full CMS program at elementary, middle or high school based upon the best available data and the professional opinions of the CMS Building Services staff.

IX. Project Cost Estimate (Indicate the estimated total project cost and describe how this estimation has been made.)

Estimated cost, developed in conjunction with the CMS Capital Needs

Assessment process is approximately \$7 million, including land purchase, construction, design, furnishings/equipment, and project management.

X. Assistance Funds (If State or Federal assistance funds are proposed, indicate the specific assistance program, and the status of any application for project funding assistance.)

A portion of the project is funded thru 1996 state bonds.