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Parks & Recreation Commission Memorandum

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Chris Jenkins, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 8/9/2013
Subject: Veterans Park Improvement Committee – Press Box

Commission Action Requested:

Recommendation to City Council for support of this project.

Background Information:

The need for a press box at Vet's Baseball Field has been identified, and the Veterans Park Improvement Committee has been working with the Parks & Recreation Department to address this need. Design drawings have been completed by local architect David Harris, leaving only structural engineering to be completed. The VIC has already secured commitments from local contractors to complete the build at no cost, and have secured a \$5,000.00 donation dedicated to this project. Some additional funding will be necessary and will be drawn from funds specifically held for improvements at this site. Once the VIC has received support from the PRC and the City Council, they will hire a structural engineer to complete the required structural drawings.

Financial Impact:

This project will require supplemental funding from an account held with the City, specifically earmarked for improvements to the Vet's Baseball Field. The account has a balance of \$5,431.00. Potential for increased revenue are likely through an increase in tournament games held at Vet's Field with this upgrade.

Staff Recommendations:

The Parks & Recreation Department supports the committee's desire to construct the proposed press box at Veterans Baseball Field.

Parks & Recreation Committee of Council Discussion:

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Attachments:

Committee Proposal
Conceptual Drawings

Civic Arena

2801 Red Wing Blvd.
Ph: (651) 480-6195
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Aquatic Center

901 Maple Street
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This project is designed to meet the following Hastings PRC's Park Improvement guidelines:

- Enhancement of existing park
- Enhancement of opportunities for public leisure

Based on the following criteria:

- Improved and expanded leisure opportunities
- Aesthetics

PRESS BOX DESIGN SUMMARY

- 8' x 28' 4" structure that meets all code requirements.
- Tom Bakken and other City officials are aware of the project and discussions are ongoing.
- Wood structure with steel roof.
- See attached illustrations and material cost estimates.

Q: HOW does this project meet the guidelines from above?

- A press box is a basic amenity at a baseball facility – especially one that is home to over 80 games a season at several different levels of baseball.
- Currently, the announcers table is falling apart. Running power to the table is done with an extension cord which is a safety hazard.
- The safety feature alone improves the overall experience for fans, but also improves the opportunity for the City of Hastings to become host to regional and state level tournaments.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

- Project would be co-managed by Hastings Parks & Recreation with the members of the Baseball Field Improvement Committee (members listed on cover letter).

CONTRACTORS

- I.Q. Construction (Ryan McGree) and BT Construction (Jay Johnson), both local general contractors have committed to providing donated supervision and labor for the project upon approval from the City of Hastings. Additional contractors (masonry) have also expressed willingness to donate labor if approved.
- The Hastings Hawks have secured up to 15 volunteer laborers to assist with construction.

MATERIAL COSTS

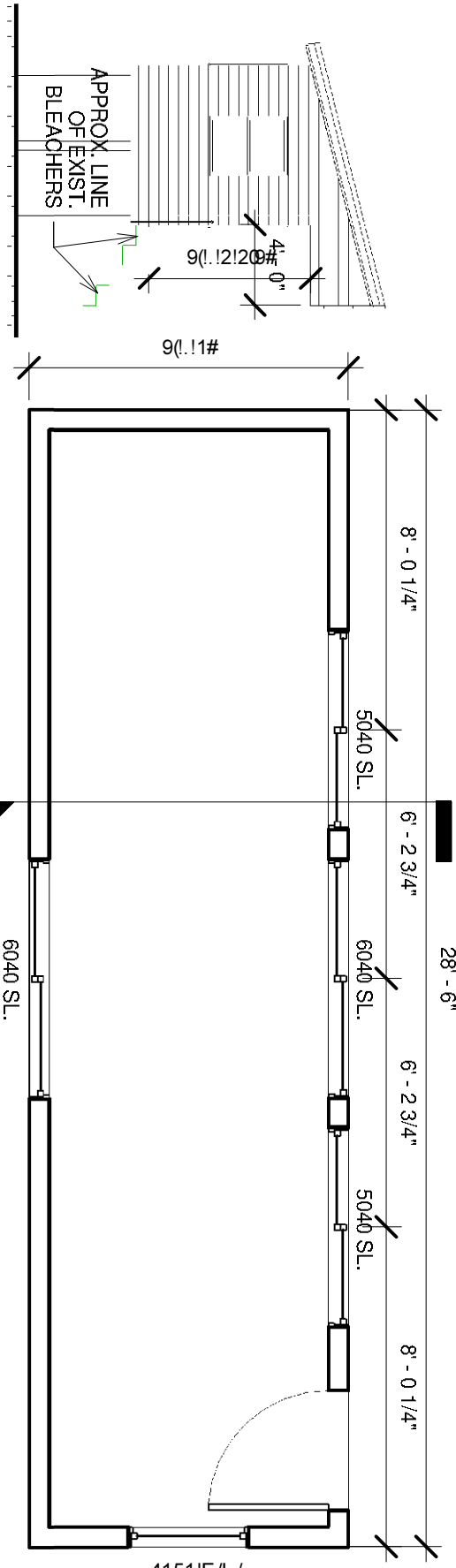
- Materials quote from Menards is approximately \$6,500 (see attached)
- Cemstone of Hastings committed to provide concrete at \$70/yard

FUNDING OF PRESS BOX

- The Hastings Hawks have secured a cash donation toward this project of \$5,000.00
- In 2009, Smead Manufacturing donated \$8,750 for 5 years of advertising on the scoreboard. The funds were paid to the City for enhancements at Veterans Baseball Facility at the discretion of the Hawks. Currently, \$5,431 remains from this donation. This fund would be used if additional donations unavailable. (Reminder – materials - \$6,500 labor/donated)
- We request City of Hastings cover permits and electrical installation needed to ensure meeting code.

PROPOSED START DATE:

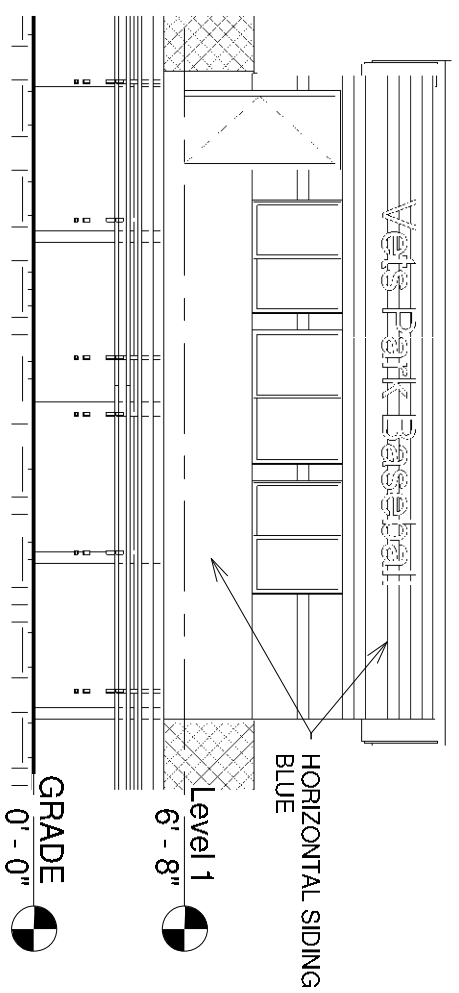
Upon approval from PRC and Hastings City Council – Break ground last week of May, 2013



3 Elevation 2 - a
1/8" = 1'-0"

1 Level 1
1/4" = 1'-0"

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONCEPT ONLY AND NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION. THE STRUCTURE WILL REQUIRE A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER. ANY DETAIL SHOWN IS FOR ESTIMATING PURPOSES.



4 Elevation 3 - a
1/8" = 1'-0"

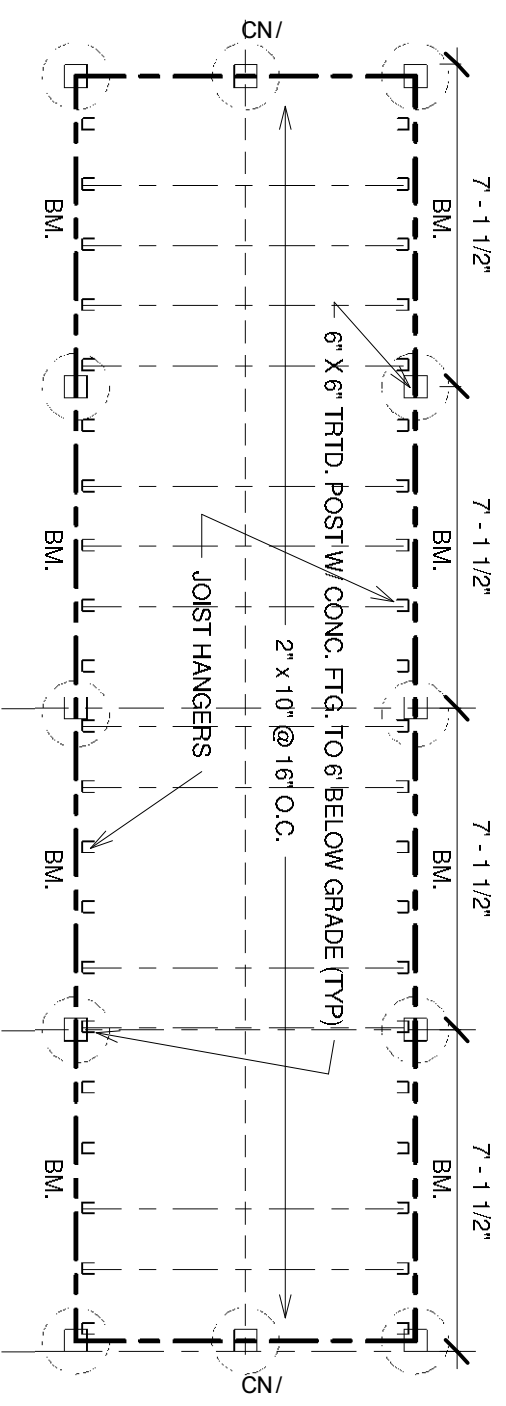
2 Elevation 1 - a
1/8" = 1'-0"

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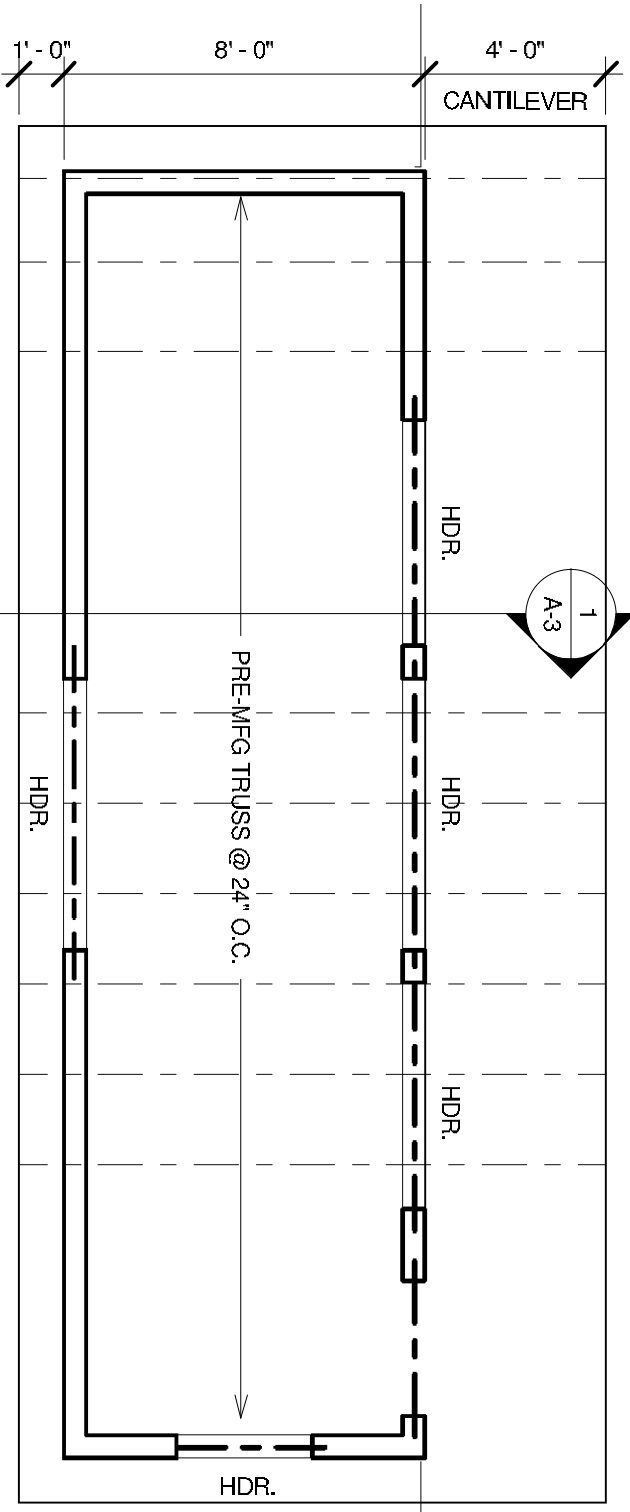


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1 FLOOR FRAMING PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"



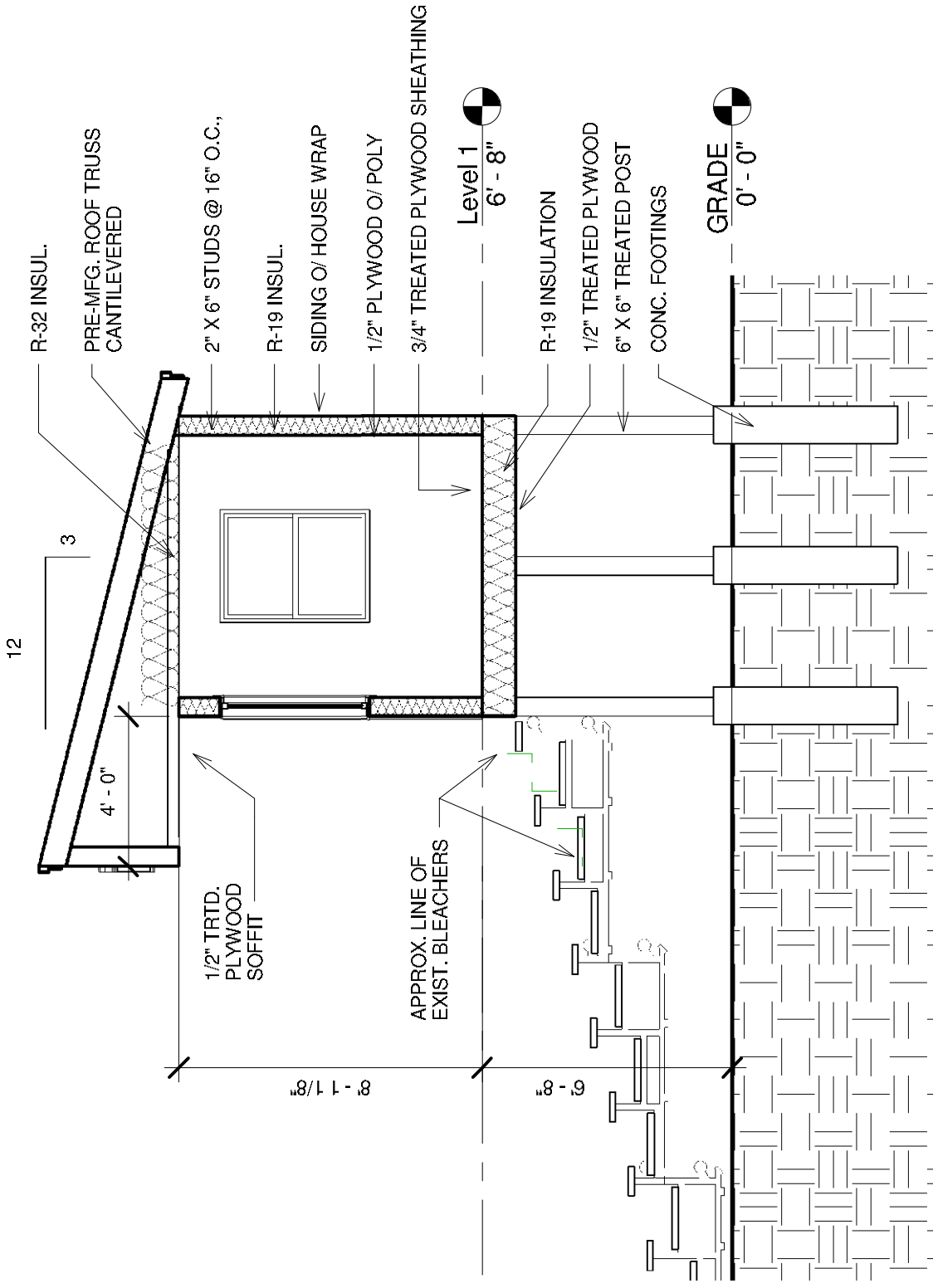
2 ROOF FRAMING PLAN
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1 Section 1
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