

## Narrative of Project

In May 2017, the Albemarle County School Board voted to close BF Yancey Elementary School and on September 25, 2017, the building transferred to the Board of Supervisors.

The BF Yancey School is located in Esmont, a historic community in rural Southern Albemarle that functionally serves as a crossroads community.

## General Goal

The goal of this project is to see the BF Yancey School building transformed from a vacant building into a vibrant community center that is oriented towards the unique needs and opportunities that exist in the Southern Albemarle community.

Managing the BF Yancey School as a community facility will allow the building to continue its legacy as a center of community life and provide enhanced access to programs and services for all of Southern Albemarle, an area of the County that is geographically isolated from many public services.

## Target Markets

Participation in the Community Center will be generally open to the public. Targeted activities being recommended from the Yancey Committee include:

- Community Garden
- Farmer's Market
- Yoga/exercise classes
- And more

## Hourly rentals of shared spaces

Parks & Rec: can administer the gym, media center and cafeteria hourly building rental on our online system the same as we administer rentals for Scottsville & Greenwood Community Centers. Rental rate of \$35/hour- the standard P&R rate for rentals throughout the county. If we decide to waive the fee for any users (i.e. the Yancey Advisory Group functions), it can be done thru the online system.

Hourly rentals will be supported by a building attendant that will do light custodial (restocking restrooms, take out trash if needed between two groups during the day).

A special permit from Parks & Recreation would be needed to rent the grounds (as with other P&R properties).

## Facility and Long-Term Leases

Facilities & Environmental Services: manage the long-term leases, advertise available long-term space, manage building maintenance and operations, including routine custodial. Need someone to be onsite daily to do a walk-through and stock restrooms. Recommended lease rates per square foot per annum is still being explored with EDO.

Long-term tenants will be given key access to the building OR opening/closing will be controlled via timer.

FES & P&R will coordinate on uses to manage onsite parking needs.

#### Committee Stuff

The advisory committee created guiding principles and a vision for the building, as well as recommendations for future use.

#### *Mission Statement*

The BF Yancey Community Center will provide the community with a meaningful space that celebrates its history and heritage while offering educational and innovative services to strengthen Southern Albemarle and promote the common good.

#### *Guiding Principles*

Education – Service – Heritage – Community

#### Staff Recommendations

- Management structure – FES and P&R
- An advisory group to Parks & Recreation and FES staff that would meet quarterly on maintenance and operation concerns. This group would include community members from Southern Albemarle, long-term tenants, and any “regular” hourly users.