

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Commercial construction

► The **Boback Commercial Group** with RE/MAX Edge's Commercial Division announced the following transactions:

Bonita Springs Preparatory and Fitness Academy, LLC leased a 16,000-square-foot built to suit, multi purpose facility for its second school location in Lee County, from Racetrack Development, LLC. The lease is for five years and represents phase one of a scheduled 32,000-square-foot facility.

Jim Boback of The Boback Commercial Group with RE/MAX Edge's Commercial Division negotiated the transaction in conjunction with John Paulich IV of Capstone Real Estate and Development LLC.

The Government Services Administration leased 2827 square feet at 12499 Brantley Commons Court, Fort Myers, for professional government offices. The lease is for 10 years and the tenant will occupy the entire second floor of the premises.

Jim Boback and Gary Oplt of The Boback Commercial Group with RE/MAX Edge's Commercial Division represented the landlord. Jarvis Development LLC and Mary Nix and Kelli Hite with Studley, Inc., MGW Realtors represented the tenant.

► **Woodyard & Associates, LLC** announced the following transactions:

Cougar Contracting Specialties, Inc. leased 1,140 square feet of office/warehouse space for one year from Sox Investments, Inc., 825 Cowboy Way, Unit 101, LaBelle. Tom Woodyard of Woodyard & Associates, LLC represented the lessor and Andrea Burson of Andrea Burson Realty, LLC represented the lessee.

Gulf Coast Services of Lee County, Inc. leased 5,290 square feet of office/warehouse space for five years from Corrian Enterprises, LLC, 11350 Metro Pkwy, Units 101-102 and 110, Fort Myers. Todd Holman of Woodyard & Associates, LLC negotiated the transaction.

William Anderson, d/b/a Expo Marketing, Inc. renewed its lease for 1,575 square feet of warehouse space for one year from Corrian Enterprises, LLC, 11350 Metro Pkwy, Unit 116, Fort Myers. Todd Holman of Woodyard & Associates, LLC negotiated the transaction.

Advanced Mentor Pro-Voice Studios, Inc. renewed its lease for performing arts space for three years from Pinebrook Pine, LLC, 12995 S. Cleveland Ave, Suite 257, Fort Myers. Steve Wood and Todd Holman of Woodyard & Associates, LLC negotiated the transaction.

► **CB Richard Ellis**, Fort Myers-Naples announced the following transaction:

DNR Realty LLC purchased a 7,150-square-foot building at 411 Tamiami Trail N., Naples from the George P. Atkinson Family Trust for \$2.85 million. George Atkinson of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers-Naples, represented the seller and Andy Morrison of Thompson Realty represented the buyer. ■

Commercial design

► **Gora/McGahey Architects** has completed the first phase of a master-planning process that will enhance the Lee County Alliance for the Arts campus in Fort Myers.

Since the completion of the exterior painting of the Frizzell Cultural Arts Center at the Alliance, the organization's staff and board members have received many favorable comments from the community regarding the new color scheme. Since its completion in 1992, the building has always been white.

"Soft yellows, blue, green and grey bring a vision of artistic vitality to the Lee County Alliance for the Arts," said project manager Fabian Behague, who worked on the project with interior designer Ella Materska, and Bruce Gora, who passed away in December.

The painting of the building is the first phase of a campus master planning and overall facility improvement plan, to be implemented in phases. GMA will serve as the architect and master planner for the project. A study will determine the maximum development allowed on the 10.35-acre site and suggest ways to improve usage of existing buildings and grounds. ■



The Lee County Alliance for the Arts campus in Fort Myers is undergoing a master-planning process for its current facility.

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► **The Beck Group** has awarded Sunshine Structures a design-build contract to provide the structural design and shell construction for its new office building in Tampa.

Sunshine will provide all cast-in-place concrete, steel-reinforced tilt-walls and structural steel systems for this three-story, 32,000-square-foot building. This project will feature innovative architectural finishes utilizing site cast tilt-up concrete walls. Sunshine Structures and its engineering partner, LJB Inc., worked with The Beck Group in the design of this CON/STEEL Tilt Systems building.

Nick Demint is the project executive for Sunshine Structures and Brad Harger is the general superintendent. Joe Harrington took the lead in architectural design for Beck and David Crosbie is Beck's project manager. Construction is scheduled to start in March.

► **Owen-Ames-Kimball Company** has completed renovations of the Fort Myers Broadcasting building, located on Palm Beach Boulevard and home to WINK-TV, 6-TV and seven radio stations.

The look of this 1940s-era building was transformed with a complete renovation of the front façade of the building and addition onto the main entrance. Renovation of the facility included a two-story height addition and extension of the building entrance, new aluminum curtainwall entry, aluminum sunshade devices, new window openings, keystone-tiled entrance platform and ADA ramps, aluminum and stainless steel cable railings, metal wall panels, new building signs, landscaping, pavers, electric gates and fencing, precast concrete pavers, and asphalt paving.

The O-A-K team for this project was Tim Harkins, job site superintendent; Ken Gentry, project manager; and Patrick Conran, vice president of operations and general superintendent. The architectural design was done by Cristina Meyer, AIA of Gora McGahey Associates in Architecture. ■



The Fort Myers Broadcasting building


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