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The new Wentwood Playground Multi-Use Building in Kenner will be dedicated at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 18.



The facility is a wood-framed building that houses a concession area, restroom facility, a pantry area and an office for playground personnel.

The one-story building occupies 1,674 square feet of space and includes a porch area for outdoor seating and an overhang that is covered to protect patrons from inclement weather. It is built with materials required to withstand a 130-mile-an-hour hurricane.

Designed by Meyer Engineers Inc., the contractor is Precision Construction Inc. of Gretna, La. Cost of construction is \$449,900.00. The previous concession facility at the playground was demolished by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The kitchen area will be equipped with an Ansul hood system as required by state law to meet commercial standards over surfaces that have grease laden cooking, which includes frying. The facility complies with all commercial codes and is fully handicapped accessible. Construction began last summer.

MORE FACTS:

The Wentwood Concession Stand is a 1250 SF commercial structure which has many features that make it very different than a typical residential construction. The following is a list of how this structure/project differs from a typical residential construction building:

- Site improvements called for the excavation of 6,500 square feet for the installation of the new paving section which calls for 8" of sand and 5" of concrete. In addition to the paving site drainage was also installed which consisted of 5 catch basins and approximately 100 linear feet of 6" PVC Drain Line , and 75 linear feet of 12" PVC Drain Line
- Code regulations at the time the building permit was issued required the building be elevated 3 feet above the centerline of W. Loyola Drive. This requirement called for an extensive foundation and the installation of stairs and handicapped ramps to access the

elevated slab. Also galvanized hand railing around the entire perimeter of the slab needed to be installed to protect the public.

- Provisions for the commercial kitchen called for a grease trap to be installed at the site for the wastewater generated from the kitchen.
- An ANSUL commercial cooking hood was installed to evacuate the fumes generated from the kitchen range area.
- Due to the occupancy of the building, the structure needed to be constructed with more stringent fire rating requirements, i.e fire rated doors, fire caulking, etc.
- Along with the commercial kitchen, the building included two separate handicapped accessible restrooms (men's and women's) each containing a minimum of 2 stalls. Also in the building is a dumpster washout area.
- A low maintenance stained concrete floor was installed on the floor in the concession area and restrooms.
- A porch was installed over the serving windows, the office and the restrooms to protect the patrons from the elements during inclement weather situations.
- To allow for greater flexibility, two air conditioning units were installed since the office may not be used at the same time as the concession stand/kitchen. A typical residential structure would only have one.
- Serving windows were installed along with security roll down shutters to prevent criminal activity. Also, one of these serving windows will be ADA accessible.
- The windows will be able to withstand hurricane force winds and also be protected with roll-a-way aluminum hurricane shutters.
- The building is equipped with a supervisors office located in the middle of the building.
- A walk in concession area was added to allow for more visitors to the concession area.
- Exterior ceiling fans were added to allow for more comfort for the people at the facility.

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