

York County wants your ideas on what to do with Knights Stadium

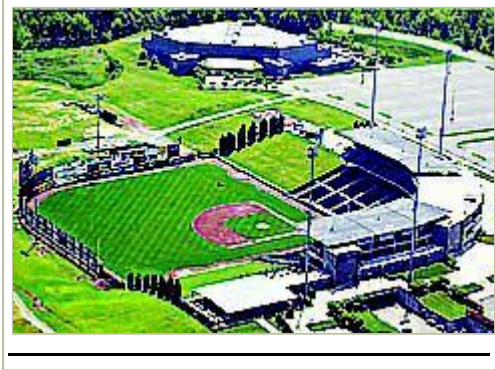
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What should York County do with Knights Stadium?

Local leaders want your suggestions.

The Knights, Triple-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, recently agreed to remain in Fort Mill for another season.

But county officials don't know how long the ballclub, which wants to eventually move to uptown Charlotte, will stay on this side of the state line, where it has played since 1989.



So as the county searches for a consultant to study other uses for the 32-acre stadium property just off Gold Hill Road, leaders are asking residents for their input.

The county is accepting letters detailing ideas for the project, according to a Tuesday news release.

All mailed submissions should be postmarked no later than 11 a.m. Jan. 9.

In recent years, leaders have debated several ideas for the property, most notably a multi-use agricultural and equestrian center.

In October, consultants hired by the county met with residents to talk about whether the county needs such a complex and, if so, where the complex should be and what features it should have.

County officials expect to meet with Knights management in January to talk about the team's plans.

York County leaders have said they would be happy to have a multi-year agreement with the Knights, but they want to know if the team even would consider that.

For now, though, officials are planning on what to do if the Knights don't stay -- and they want some help.

Information about the 10,000-seat stadium is available on the county's Web site, www.yorkcountygov.com. Click on the list of departments and select the purchasing department. Then click on the link for active bids. The county is not taking bids on the property at this time.

Letters should be mailed to the following address: Knights Stadium Ideas c/o York County Manager P.O. Box 66, 6 S. Congress St., York, SC 29745-0066.

What should happen to Knights Stadium?

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