



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 25th, 2017 7:00 p.m. Town Hall South

PRESENT: Bill Buchler, Andy Clure, Brian Hartgraves, Kinga Walsh, Amy Mangold.

ABSENT: Nicole Hockley, Brian Leidlein, Carla Kron, Maureen Crick Owen, David Wheeler.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Hartgraves called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 pm.

VOTER COMMENT: None.

MINUTES: MR. BUCHLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 MEETING. SECOND BY MS. WALSH. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (5-0)

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Hartgraves said that community center director position will be posted and a search committee has been formed including Ms. Llodra, HR, Ms. Mangold, and himself. Interview panels also consist of an outside person such as another area community center director, the Ridgefield director may possibly join. Discussion of a small plaque for GE at entrance, possibly other donor plaques.

No update on the legacy space as per Mr. Buchler, but will talk again.

Ms. Walsh discussed putting a wish list together, committee would like to have input if there is extra money and trying to decide between items, discuss further with Bob Mitchell. Ms. Walsh has been attending the design meetings, helps with communications, now will attend Public Building and Site meetings that are open to the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

Communications Subcommittee: None.

Design Subcommittee: Ms. Walsh has been assigned to lead the design subcommittee and communicate information. Ms. Walsh attended meeting last night, now that Public Buildings and Site owns the project it is important to attend meetings. She reported delays of approximately a month, structural systems changed, in an effort to save money, week of November 6, with Monday as a possible ground breaking date. At the Public Building and Site meeting in November, they should have a good idea of timeline, at budget or just under budget. Bids continuing to go out, each phase going out separately.

Fundraising Subcommittee: met two weeks ago, Mr. Clure said the subcommittee is working on a mission statement for the fundraising committee, look at what items they may need fundraising efforts. Mr. Buchler suggested to build a list of potential sponsors.

Organizational subcommittee: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Need for Public Forum ... or casual conversation ... Community Center Coffee Conversations – Ms. Walsh said she would like to use the Facebook page for communications, refer to the minutes from Public Building and Site and write up 4 or 5 bullet points, confirm with Caldwell Walsh. Add dates, visuals, time-lapse suggested. Possibly share on the Town page, include The Bee with regular updates, The Voices too. Check with Quisenberry Arcari about scale model and time-lapse.

Narrative on Performa and Business Plan – Mr. Hartgraves tabled the discussion.

Continued discussion on hiring Director – referred to in Communications.

Continued discussion on formation of formal Community Center Commission – Mr. Hartgraves distributed the Community Center Commission vision, reviewed some copy edits. (ATTACHMENT) Mr. Hartgraves will send to the First Selectman for approval. The Community Center Advisory Committee will be dissolved at some point once the commission is up and running, there may be some overlap. The organization sub-committee will also be dissolved at some point.

Kiosk update – Mr. Buchler did not yet have an update.

VOTER COMMENT – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

Attachment: Community Center Commission Vision and Responsibilities

These are draft minutes and as such are subject to correction by the Community Center Advisory Committee at the next regular meeting. All corrections will be determined in the minutes at which they were corrected.

- a) Summary of General Responsibilities: The Newtown Community Center Commission shall exist to stimulate, facilitate, coordinate and cooperate with town and other local organizations for the development of a vibrant community center. The Commission is responsible for the care, management and operations of the Newtown Community Center. This will include, but not be limited to, oversight of the Newtown Community Center Mission, policies and procedures, the business plan, staff development, and fiscal health.
- b) Memberships and Terms:
- 1) The Community Center Commission shall consist of 7 members.
 - 2) The term of office shall be two years. No individual should serve more than three consecutive terms.
- c) The Community Center Commission is empowered to appoint ad hoc committees to assist with special projects.

Our Current Vision:

- A Newtown Community Center should:
 - Act as a vibrant, multi-generational hub for all Newtown residents
 - Provide educational, recreational, artistic & creative opportunities
 - Have a reasonable model of self-sustainability
 - Engage the community
 - Encourage social interaction
 - Promote health and healing
 - Build self-esteem
 - Showcase talent