

MINUTES

These minutes are subject to approval by the Community Center/ Senior Center Design Advisory Committee.

The Community Center/Senior Center Design Advisory Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Reed Intermediate School – Room 203, 3 Trades Lane, Newtown, CT. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Kinga Walsh, John Boccuzzi, George Guidera, Anna Weidemann, Larry Passaro, Marilyn Place

ABSENT: Carla Kron, Andy Clure, Brian Leidlein, Amy Mangold

ALSO PRESENT: Rusty Malik and Kevin McFarland of Quisenberry, John Deren and Joe Giacobbe of Caldwell & Walsh, two members of the public, and one member of the press

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Madeline Bunt of 12 Castle Hill Road and Mary Beth DiNoto of 1 Orchard Lane were present to make suggestions regarding space and programming in the Senior Center. Ms. Bunt has read the minutes of prior meetings and feels we need to look forward with respect to needs of seniors. Seniors need help with finances, mental stimulation, physical fitness, etc. The environment is important. The following is a list of suggestions:

- No need for 2 arts and crafts rooms
- Need for Tech room
- Need for a media room – DVD's, video conferencing
- Incorporate Pandora music throughout space
- Second fitness room with exercise bikes
- Massage chair in place of rocking chair

In addition, the ladies room needs to have more stalls. It is currently the same size as the men's room and there is a definite need for a larger ladies room. Ms. DiNoto wondered whether it was feasible to have outdoor exercise machines.

Ms. Walsh explained that the committee will take their suggestions, digest them, and schedule separate meetings in January for Senior Center and Community Center which the public can attend and have open discussion. She explained that the CC Advisory Committee meets every 2 weeks. The Senior Center Advisory Committee has yet to set up regularly scheduled meetings. This meeting is purely for Design.

STATUS:

Mr. Guidera asked about the bids and budget. Mr. Deren stated that not all the bids are in as of yet. The site, steel and concrete bids came in under budget. The MEP is being reviewed.

Electric and plumbing are on target but HVAC is currently over budget. They will be doing some value engineering to get the bids on/under budget. Mr. Guidera was surprised the numbers were not higher given time has gone by. Mr. Deren said the beauty of the CM system is if the bids are high, smaller changes/tweaks can be made.

Mr. Guidera asked whether contracts are being signed on a rolling basis. It was confirmed that they were. Mr. Passaro asked whether the contracts were fixed. The owner has a contingency of over \$1 million which goes towards over budget bids. Some bids go over, some are under. Ms. Walsh asked when the last piece is out to bid, how will the budget be tracked. Mr. Deren stated that Bob Tait tracks the costs, the last bid should come in the end of February, and numbers cannot be released until all contracts are signed.

Mr. Deren said it is critical that all decisions be made by February otherwise change orders will come into play. Mr. Malik confirmed that the design phase ended 3 months ago and changes to design at this point will be very difficult. Ms. Place asked whether the ladies room could be made larger. Mr. Malik said there are code requirements for both men and women. The concrete is being put in now and the footprint is set.

Ms. Walsh stated that perhaps future meetings could be extended (start at 6 p.m.) to allow input from both CC and SC Advisory members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Guidera moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Second by Mr. Boccuzzi. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Ann LoBosco, Clerk