



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 27th, 2017 7:00 p.m. Town Hall South

PRESENT: Andy Clure, Brian Hartgraves, Brian Leidlein (7:12 pm), Kinga Walsh, Carla Kron, Amy Mangold, Maureen Crick Owen.

ABSENT: Bill Buchler, Niclolle Hockley, David Wheeler.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Hartgraves called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 pm.

VOTER COMMENT: None.

MINUTES: MS. KRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING. SECOND BY MS. MANGOLD. Ms. Walsh commented that a correction was needed regarding Mr. Clure's reference to the number of performas, it should read 3 performas not 4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION FROM 4 TO 3 PERFORMAS. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (7-0).

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Hartgraves will not be at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports

Communications Subcommittee: Ms. Walsh put yesterday's meetings on the Town website and included link to Public Building and Site. Mr. Hartgraves suggested to also add to Facebook with link to the minutes.

Design Subcommittee: Mr. Hartgraves discussed schedules of meetings. Alternative list, sustainability list, what is on the base list. Discussion of items for the bid packages. Mr. Hartgraves recommended to come up with own list of items for the construction build, consolidate list, and pass on to design group. Important to attend upcoming Public Building and Site meetings. Ms. Walsh asked for a status of the legacy foundation area, Mr. Hartgraves to follow up. Mr. Clure to follow up with Bob Tait on budget status.

Fundraising Subcommittee: The subcommittee will follow up, waiting on Caldwell Walsh, looking at items not able to obtain and will need to fundraise for. Talking with company that will donate wireless and hook up. Working on a vision statement.

Organizational subcommittee: Ms. Kron updated job descriptions, she would like to get the subcommittee a draft form and then to the whole group, then to the First Selectman. Mr. Hartgraves to coordinate distribution. Next subcommittee meeting will be Tuesday at 4:00. Ms. Kron to include roles and responsibilities of the commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Need for Public Forum

Ms. Walsh spoke to the need for a public forum, in due diligence to answer questions, invite public to committee meetings. Mr. Leidlein suggested update Q and A. Mr. Clure spoke to ways to help the community understand what is being undertaken at the community center. Ms. Walsh offered to reach out. It was decided not to hold another public forum at this time.

Narrative on Performa and Business Plan

Mr. Hartgraves said that it would be good for the new Community Center Director to be able to review a narrative based on history of performas/proformas so far. Mr. Leidlein spoke to research done, built financials. Mr. Leidlein offered to bring together information, be able to explain at a high level, the assumptions, membership fees. Ms. Walsh referred to the First Selectman's presentation to the Legislative Council at their recent meeting. Mr. Hartgraves to include all information. Ms. Walsh said it is important to include finances on all proformas done, what fees were incurred and fees not incurred.

Ms. Walsh asked the Committee for feedback regarding a problem with a STV/DPM contract, First Selectman notified in November 2016, Committee told in March 2017 of incorrect numbers. Indicating a lot of money was paid, came out of the bottom line of the budget, and there should be restitution, important to look at legal options, feels company misled the Town, proformas based on work of GERALYN HOERAUF, costing the Town \$209,000. Ms. Crick Owen said that more facts are needed before to give an opinion. Ms. Walsh said that she was told it is a complicated legal process. Mr. Hartgraves feels it would be good to get the money back. Mr. Hartgraves offered to have a conversation with the First Selectman and Bill Buchler. Mr. Clure said he would like a cost benefit analysis of the work of Ms. Hoerauf. Ms. Kron wants to understand more facts of the situation. Mr. Leidlein said it would be good to know what the status is, if not a favorable resolution, maybe let the public know of the impact to the Town. Ms. Mangold agreed and said she would also like to know the facts. Mr. Hartgraves to reach out to the First Selectman and report back to the Committee.

Continued discussion on hiring Director – discussed in subcommittee section.

Continued discussion on formation of formal Community Center Commission – discussed in subcommittee section.

VOTER COMMENT – none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

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