

COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY TASKFORCE FEB. 24, 2022

Conducted on Zoom.

IN ATTENDANCE

- Steve Kaser
- Fritz Luft
- Alice Thomasson Van Oot
- Bonny Campbell-Runyon
- Tracy Murphy
- Keith Murphy
- Jamie Balliett
- Kyle Wibby
- David Pollak, Abacus
- David Eisen, Abacus
- George Meservey

Call to order: 4:34p

MINUTES

Moved Jamie, second Alice, unanimous approval

Welcome and introduction of Steve Kaser as NRHS parent representative

Introduction of Abacus' David Eisen, David Pollak, Annie Steele, and Julie Patten as team members.

Taskforce members introduction of reasons for being on Taskforce and expected challenges.

Abacus introduction of reasons for bid and challenges. Hope to have collaborative community meetings. Overview of location options. Center of Town pros and cons. Overview of facilities. COA activities overview. Questionnaires overview. Suggests site visits of identified facilities. 15-20 minute interviews. Current list is probably too small. Broader outreach for getting input and questionnaire answers. Core start is to look at COA due to statutory requirement that Town have one and the current needs of COA. Identify who is going to run the Community Center programming and how will it be funded. Other times it can be the Recreation Department driving the programming and funding through fees. Overview of example surveys Abacus has run. Assessing Town department needs, etc. (inside looking survey) and general survey (outward focused survey). Overview of "Post-it Note" community meeting. Overview of Picture Survey method (showing use ideas and ranking by community members). Overview of Community Center sizes and how space can be used. Smallest being 10k SF. Estimated \$500/SF is current rate for construction and project costs. Overview of planning for relocation of current spaces and new spaces. Examples of planning out spaces conceptually and providing examples of how concepts can fit in available locations. Overview of detailed building programming to help backup concepts. Overview of diagramming programs and organizations. Overview of site option test fits. Example floor plans. Examples of 3D renderings of concept.

Discussion of timeframe to project completion.

Discussion of start with ideal vision or reality vision.

Discussion of site first or concept first.

Discussion of challenges in moving project forward (i.e. size, other upcoming costs, etc.).

Discussion of next steps as recommended by Abacus.

Keith – Two possible locations are across the street from Town Hall and Governor Prence.

Fritz – Collaboration with CHO at site across from Town Hall.

Discussion of zoning. Not tied to downtown business area but major benefit by central anchor. How to approach private owned land while maintaining Open Meeting Law compliance. Size needs and then identify locations based on size. Consider open space needs for community center (i.e. fields, courts, etc.). COA needs and whether to couple with community center or not.

Discussion of site visits with Abacus, Fritz and Keith. First step should be inventory. What we have and what we need. Turn questionnaire into a Survey Monkey for better data management.

Discussion of working towards strategic partnerships.

Discussion of subcommittees. Discussion of alternative meeting spaces. Discussion of community outreach ideas and request from Abacus for input.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

ACTION ITEMS

Finalize survey with Abacus and distribute.

Members to survey contacts.

Collate data from surveys.

Set site visit with Abacus.