

COD Minutes

2/27/14 6:30 pm

Attendees: COD Members: Anna Wood, Pat Elgart, Lotte Diomedede

Guests: Mike Melnick, Co-Chair of Permanent Building Committee
Jim Kelly, Facilities Director

Introductions: Anna Wood, Parks & Rec Dept & Town Liaison for COD; Pat Elgart, IL Coordinator at MWCIL & Secretary for COD; Lotte Diomedede, COD Chair and Owner of SMILES.org

Approval of February 25, 2013 Minutes

Motion by Anna, Seconded by Pat Elgart

New Business

- Jim Kelly updates
 - Scott Milley Memorial will be great: accessible, flows nicely, eliminated all the steps.
 - Fundraising ongoing – Raytheon contributed, businesses get asked daily for contributions so we need to stand out, Anna would like to ask the Teen Center to contribute as a group
- Mike Melnick updates
 - Police Station Project – 2 story project
 - Accessibility issues addressed
 - Parking
 - Entrance
 - Common areas
 - 2 public bathrooms, w/meeting areas
 - Signage
 - Curb cuts
 - Slopes
 - Shared driveway with existing Fire Department
- Town Meeting March 31st – Voting on \$7.2 million for building projects
 - Lotte had questions about the cost of the Police Station
 - Discussion of changes to Dispatch System – from one at Police Station prompted by 911, followed by a call to the Fire Station – now there will be two upgraded Dispatch stations, one for Police Station and one for Fire Station where calls will be received by both simultaneously and in the same room
 - HC access – elevator for 2nd floor, attic is for storage only
 - New Fairbanks Community Center
 - Lotte says current pool only fully accessible for therapy, only exercise
 - No plans to update pool because it was done so recently

- Possible to plan updating bathrooms, changing area and lockers
 - Rebuilding of Flynn Building – to start after completion of Fairbanks CC
 - If voted in, construction should start this summer
- Interpreters – Discussion on costs, funding, and obligation to provide
 - Funding should come from Town General Accommodations Fund, not COD, and approach Town for matching funds for Park & Recreation Department
 - Recommendation for the Town – a line item within the town budget for specific interpreters. Earmark the first \$500, then \$50/hr/interpreter through State (funds?) plus gas
- Media Committee – Pat Elgart, (Lotte will forward template and contact info for articles)
 - Articles
 - One highlighting a specific Disability
 - MCS – Multiple Chemical Sensitivity proposed by Pat
 - One highlighting COD in an effort to attract new members

Future

- Now that Restaurant Project is complete, consider doing one for Supermarkets and Pharmacies?
 - Learn from article in The Globe, by Jaclyn Reiss on Kevin McGuire and his company AbleRoad Associates Inc., where there is a website and app to rate public places for handicapped accessibility