

Meeting Notes from *Fairbank Community Center Task Force Committee*

Date: **July 8, 2015**

Location: DPW Conference Room

Committee Members in Attendance	Others in Attendance
Jack Ryan (Chair of Task Force, Sudbury Council on Aging) Sarah Troiano (Vice Chair) Jim Kelly (Sudbury Facilities Director) Dick Williamson (Park & Recreation Commission) Christine Hogan (SPS School Committee) Greg George (at large)	Debra Galloway (Senior Center) Bob May (Citizen)

Agenda / Discussion Items

Recaps and Meeting Goals:

- Meeting convened at 7:30pm
- Group recapped current status of project
 - Final report from bh+a was submitted this spring
 - Public Form impressions were shared:
 - Forum was well attended with broad range of constituents
 - Consensus was that the Forum was a success and the attendees are very interested in moving forward with the 60K square foot plan at a minimum (many folks are asking to see an “Enhanced Plan” that would address future needs and some of the programs not included in the current conceptual designs)
- Group outlined next steps for the Committee and goals of the meeting:
 - Make recommendation to the BOS for Next Steps in the project
 - Determine optimal Committee configuration

Discussion Around Next Steps:

- Two possible next steps were identified at a high level:
 1. Recommend we go straight to design at next Town Meeting; design could range from \$1MM to \$2MM
 - Pros: maintains momentum out of Public Forum, keeps project timeline moving especially given concerns about state of the building/roof
 - Cons: request could be premature given the number of unresolved issues remaining, including some of real significance (see below)
 2. Recommend an interim step to address unresolved issues prior to seeking full design funding; this step might involve seeking professional assistance with unresolved items and could land in the \$50-\$75K range

Unresolved Issues identified:

1. Displacement: what is the plan for the employees and user groups during the 18-24 month construction project?
 - Acknowledged that ALL programs, including pool programs, would need to be relocated during construction
 - Locations and costs need to be further explored
 - Question of where SPS moves both temporarily and permanently still needs resolution
 - Question of what happens to the Toland Rink needs resolution
2. Location: should other locations be considered to address displacement and possibly additional amenities/program needs
 - Primarily discussed option of moving across the street to Haskell, but Raytheon was also briefly mentioned
 - Move to Haskell would allow all programs to run uninterrupted and expansion of pool/viewing areas, etc. if desired (bh+a noted in their report that such a move may simplify things)
 - Concerns with moving across street include:
 - Conceptual designs are not based on this location
 - There are legal steps that are required for the town to develop this parcel according to the 1973 documents when the land was purchased. These require further counsel/input from Town Counsel to understand implications more fully
3. Further Programmatic Needs Exploration
 - Teen Center: It is agreed that further input on the Teen Center is needed to ensure their program needs are included in future designs
 - Aquatics: the age of the pool was discussed, as was the size, and viewing areas with questions around whether we should further explore the value of building a new pool; the market demand for an outdoor pool complex was also brought up again
 - Ice Rink: brief discussion occurred around merits of a rink, including impact of project on the Toland Rink
 - Second Floor: questions were raised about merits of building a second floor on the structure proactively to account for future program needs and office space

Committee Makeup Discussion:

- Reviewed list of committee members on website noting two vacancies
- Agreed that we should work to fill these vacancies with new members who bring perspective as users of the programs and services of our community center

Next Steps Discussion:

- Group noted that, while we want to keep momentum going and hope to be in a position to seek design funds in May, the unresolved issues – primarily around Location and Displacement – need to be addressed *before* we are ready to do that

- We have between now and November to make as much progress addressing the unresolved issues as possible
- If we make adequate progress we may be able to seek design funds; if we don't make adequate progress we may instead seek the assistance of outside professionals to help resolve these issues
- Next Steps: convene as soon as possible to assign specific action items to accomplish short term goals

Motions and Adjourning:

- Sarah Troiano made a motion for the Committee to continue working to address the unresolved issues over the next four months with a November 15th deadline
- The motion passed unanimously with all 6 Committee members voting for it
- Meeting Adjourned at 10:15pm.

Decisions / Follow-up Items

- Motion to work through November 15th to address unresolved issues as best as possible approved unanimously
- Jim Kelly to follow-up on committee listing from website and assist with getting all emails onto Committee distribution list
- Next meeting set for Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00pm.
 - Dick Williamson to work to ensure representation from the Park and Recreation Department is at the meeting
- Attending members agreed to capture their ideas for a working plan over the next four months