

Meeting Notes from Fairbank Community Center Task Force Committee

Date: December 21, 2015

Location: DPW, Conference Room

Committee Members in Attendance	Others in Attendance
Jack Ryan Dick Williamson Greg George Sarah Troiano Jim Kelly Bob Haarde Bryan Semple Rick Johnson	Bob May, Council on Aging Mark Simmons, P&R Dept. John Barrett, Aquatics

Posted Agenda for Meeting:

- 1) Review in more detail Option 3, so-called "60,000 sq. ft. plan" including issues of location and accommodation of existing users during construction;
- 2) Discussion of modifications to Option 3 including other options which may be considered or added;
- 3) Discussion of what other information or expertize may be need for completion of analysis and methods of obtaining that information or expertize.

Meeting Start & Minutes:

- Meeting convened at 7:35 pm
- Motion to approve 12/7 minutes by Greg George, seconded by Jim Kelly and approved unanimously

Agenda Related Discussion Items:

- Jim Kelly reported that recommendations from 12/7 meeting were shared with the BOS at their last meeting.
- Meeting attendees discussed what should be included in the Committee's final recommendation to the BOS. The following was agreed upon.
 1. Design option, including possible modifications
 2. Interim plan and staging
 - Committee recommends that building construction starts on the south side of building (on basket ball courts) first followed by move to north side; goal is to allow as much building use during construction as possible
 3. Location of the facility
 - Bryan Semple made motion to keep Community Center at the current Fairbank Road location; Rick Johnson seconded and it was voted in favor unanimously
 4. Consideration for impact to SPS:

- The Fairbank Committee recommends the Town consider building a second floor on the new community center to accommodate SPS' need for 9K square feet of program space, provided that it could be re-configured for Park & Rec and/or Senior Center needs in the future.
 - Sarah Troiano made a motion to vote on this recommendation; motion seconded by Greg George; approved unanimously

Detailed review of Option 3 conducted; observations and discussions of all committee members shared, including:

- Consensus to address "less than ideal spectator space"
- Need to understand the trade offs of redoing the deck on the existing pool
- Therapy pool pros and cons
- Office space – acknowledgement that there is need for some confidential office space; but goal should be to have as flexible space as possible

Reviewed modification items/features the committee needs to address and validated the following:

- Existing pool: spectator space/wall trade off. Consensus that the spectator space even as proposed is not "ideal" and needs to be addressed in final design
- Therapy pool – discussed this being a strong programmatic component for the senior population; agreed that should remain in final design

Identified specific program elements requiring further financial analysis

- Second pool – discussed idea that we hold building a second pool in final design, but insist that the final design be built to accommodate construction of a second pool and splash park in the future; ensure blueprint for second pool in the design
- Double gym with possible walking track

Additional Discussion Items:

- Bob Haarde shared that P& R commission is having the YMCA come to present and Fairbank members are encouraged to attend; this is a public meeting being held at 6pm on January 13 at the Fairbanks Community Center
- Funding subcommittee - acknowledged that this will ultimately need to be formed but it is premature at this time

Next Meeting:

- January 4 at 7:30pm at DPW Meeting
- Agenda for next meeting:
 - Discussion of what other information or expertise may be needed for completion of analysis and methods of obtaining that information or expertise
 - Discuss timing/strategy for next steps in preparation for Town Meeting

Motion to Adjourn made by Bryan Semple at 10:06pm, seconded by Greg George and voted on unanimously.