

**Greenfield Senior Center Building Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall 2nd floor meeting room**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

**Jean Wall  
Ginger Carson  
Kerry Dietz  
Lane Kelly  
Hope Macary**

**Remote participation:**

**Jerry Moore  
Daniel Pallotta**

**Absent: Larry Jubb**

**Guests:**

**Pat Jordan  
Kevin McVeigh  
Tom Goodwin  
Leah Childress**

**Jerry opened the meeting and welcomed public comment.**

**Lane stated the committee is listening to input from the community and the Mayor and exploring options to scale the project back: site, cost, and design are the main factors to consider.**

**Dan stated the Mayor would like to see a reduction in the size of the office areas, eliminate redundancies, changes to the exterior to ensure the project reflects the overall feel of the neighborhood, use of solar panels.**

**Jerry expressed concern over the loss of office space, stating the committee had spent considerable time on the current plan which is aimed at increased future participation by the increasing numbers of senior residents.**

**Dan stated the suggested changes should not impact the appropriation.**

**Lane stated the Mayor would like the committee to reduce the size of the Center to closer to 10,000 square feet.**

**Kerry emphasized that reduction of square feet does not translate into proportional savings. We still have to have electrical, plumbing, heating/cooling and other mechanical. To cut size means we are cutting the least expensive part of the building.**

**Dan stated some of the requested changes could be achieved, some perhaps not.**

**Jerry & Dan left the meeting at 6:30 pm**

**Lane said the Town Council needs more information about the Senior Center project and how it fits into the long-term borrowing strategy for the Town. We will take a look at the project budget and see what can be cut.**

**Meeting was then opened to public comment.**

**Visual project materials were made available to the attendees: floor plan, site plan, preliminary elevations. The committee emphasized that the project is a dynamic process and the current plans are not final.**

**A resident of the neighborhood expressed concerns about possible co-location with teen center, neighborhood traffic impact, noise and disruption during the construction period (and demo of the existing building), and inquired about proposed evening programming -- especially non-COA groups, would they be vetted.**

**Hope discussed existing COA evening programming such as the DAV, and a new mixed-age dance company. Future COA evening programs being explored are knitting classes, art classes, cooking classes and demonstrations. There will be a process for vetting non-COA usage with an eye toward how such use would impact the neighborhood.**

**Tom talked about the Disabled Veterans Group meeting at the current Senior Center and continuing to meet at the new location.**

**Hope assured Tom that the DAV would receive priority scheduling at the new facility.**

**Kevin said a relatively small building is being nickel and dimed compared to the new High School. He also emphasized that the Senior Center is not for a special interest group, but rather the facility is a common ground for everyone -- current users and potential future users -- we all age.**

**Lane suggested the committee be mindful the project started at 15,000 square feet and the current plan is approx. 11,700. Lane said the latest goal for move-in is autumn 2017, but at this time it is too early to determine precisely.**

**Kerry requested we set our next meeting date soon to discuss what can be cut in order to reduce square footage and budget items.**

**Motion to adjourn by Jean, second by Ginger. Unanimous.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

**Minutes submitted by Hope Macary, COA Director**