

## **SERVICE CENTER COMMITTEE**

**July 6, 2022 | 5:30 P.M.**

**Meeting was held via zoom videoconference.**

Attendees: Rick Coldsnow, David Besel, Rick Forsman, Edwin Burk, Tom Norton, Chris Bolz, Rea Heatherington. Members of the public: Elizabeth Walker, Kevin Buehner, Kelsey Seufer, Debbie Plachko, Tom Haws, Holly Svetz, Stephanie Bonnet, Eileen Brown, Jodee DeRose, John Keating, Russ Floyd, Mike DeRose, Jan Bronson, Erica (no surname). Public Alliance: AJ Beckman, Noel Nail, Kate Innes.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

The minutes of the June 1, 2022 Meeting were approved.

### **Summary of current status and history**

- Last time committee met they discussed options for spaces, the pool site for use of sewer and parking, and the architect.
- The committee has met with the architect to view plans, then give feedback for revisions, ask for a proposal from a civil engineer, and have just received a revised plan that has not yet been reviewed.
- The committee changed their name and the charter to better reflect what the proposed building will be.

The committee discussed a bandstand and use of the patio for concerts in inclement weather. Discussion ensued regarding scope, design, and purposes/uses for building.

Mr. Coldsnow reported that the committee will review new plans and make further revisions. He recommends meeting with the architect in the field. The committee desires to move forward with plans with the City of Aurora and get a Civil Engineer on board as soon as possible.

### **Community comment and discussion**

Kevin Buener: Thinks that the committee should define what events would be held at Inspiration Club vs. Pathfinder park after improvements are completed. He asked the size of the building and Mr. Coldsnow replied that it's just under 5,000 square feet.

Kelsey Seufer: Voiced concern about having a garage in her backyard with service vehicle traffic. She noted that she paid a premium for open space behind her lot.

Tom Haws: Voiced concerns about esthetics.

Mr. Coldsnow responded he understood his concern and noted that they will have a photoshopped image of the building on the site for the community to view at the Spark Event in July.

Mr. Haws: Noted that there are several houses affected by the use of the “open space” at the pool site and voiced concern about a garage big enough for ¾ ton trucks. He asked the committee to reconsider.

Elisabeth Walker: Disagrees that this is site with “least impact.” She paid extra for green space and is angry that no one on the committee is building it behind their own house.

Mr. Haws: Wondered how often we utilize a facility that houses 100 people?

Mr.Coldsnow reported that a board meeting for 100 people meets once a month, but this building is designed to seat 50, so there will be many uses for it.

Stephanie Bennet: Would like to know the other purposes.

Mr.Coldsnow responded that the plan is for it to be for committee meetings as well as other uses.

Mr. Haws: Thinks that it is not in the best interest of the community and that the money would be better spent elsewhere.

Mr.Coldsnow responded that the cost is being considered, which is why they are looking at this site, because the parking and sewer are more affordable here and it will allow them to stay in budget.

Rea Heatherington noted that it would be useful for the committee to spend some time defining what the building will be used for. Mr. Coldsnow agreed, and noted that an amendment to “the Program” document will be forthcoming.

Jody DeRose: Noted that she relates to how others are feeling because her home backs up to the skate features.

Mr. Haws: Thinks that it will take longer than one year to build.

Erica (would not give surname when asked): Asked what the purpose of the building is.

Mr. Coldsnow explained that the maintenance man needs a workspace, and the District needs a more visually appealing storage solution than the containers.

David Besel: Asked if this was to be a base for maintenance operations and if the volleyball court would be destroyed.

Mr.Coldsnow explained that research has not been done into how the community feels about the volleyball court. He explained that the Committee is trying to please as many people as possible, but that no one is necessarily going to say that they want a maintenance facility, but it’s just a necessity.

Erica: Asked how many years of operation it would take for the District to realize a savings on storage, etc., and if the Committee is surveying the community about the Services Center.

Mr. Coldsnow noted that they have not done a survey but have allowed for community comment. There were several suggestions from the public as to how a survey could be conducted.

### **Public involvement process**

- A public involvement plan will be put in place.
- The Spark Event on July 22, 2022, where the public can see the plans and offer feedback, will be part of the public process.
- Design and City Approval will take approximately a year and a half, so construction could be next summer, and the project could be complete by summer of 2024.
- Volunteers needed from the committee for the July 22 Spark Event to talk to the community: Chris Bolz, Rea Heatherington and Tom Norton volunteered.

### **Schedule**

- The Committee directed Mr. Beckman to schedule a site visit with Ms. Grant.
- All Committee members are encouraged to review the revised project and to help revise the civil engineer proposal before that meeting.
- The Committee needs to get a more refined idea of building uses, and Committee liaison members should speak to their committees about possible uses and justify concerns.
- The Committee meets next on August 3, 2022, and at that meeting they hope to have graphics and a photoshopped image of the building onsite.
- Mr. Coldsnow has reached out to the City but not received a response.

The Committee briefly discussed other possibilities for building sites.

### **Action items for next meeting**

No action items were mentioned.

### **Adjourn**

Upon a motion duly made by David Besel, seconded by Chris Bolz and, upon vote unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.