

Minutes: Buildings and Facilities Committee

(former Civic Center Committee)

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023

Alumni Hall, Basement Conference Room

Attendees: Charlie Atwood; Burnie Allen; Paula Dolan; Art Dessureau; Sue Higby

Absent: Brent Gagne; Rick Dente; Jon Valsangiacomo;

Others in Attendance: Jeff Bergeron; Jim McWilliams

Minutes for the December 13, 2023, meeting prepared by Sue Higby

The meeting was called to order at 8:05AM.

1. Minutes for the November 8, 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved, with motion by Art Dessureau and affirmed by others.

2. The Committee discussed future invitees for the Visitors/Communications part of the meeting. Priorities include: Organizers of the new Crafts Event; the Recreation Committee.

3. Indoor Turf Field/BOR

The Committee was pleased with receiving Council support for the purchase of the Turf. City Manager Storrellicastro will be placing the order. Jeff Bergeron will talk to Bellavance Co., about storage requirements. Charlie Atwood will talk to Ben, BYSA, about the curtain that would be ordered to increase use of space that would minimize any potential interference in space use (e.g., centrally located cable).

Point persons for the next steps: Jeff Bergeron and City Manager Storrellicastro

Future idea/plan: Jim McWilliams and Committee members discussed hosting an Open House celebration when the Turf arrives.

4. Facility Improvements

A list prepared by Jeff Bergeron for the Committee was shared. A variety of improvements have been organized, including carpet for the elevator, new floor mats, granite stairs have been realigned a bit using a forklift, and sound board for the Alumni Hall conference room installed. A few issues need to be looked into further: What is the front entrance awning made from (e.g., is it brass that has been painted? What kind of paint was used?); remaining damage related to the flood/use of building; ceiling tile repairs in the “connector.”

5. Earmark Funds for AUD Revitalization

It was discussed and agreed that a meeting needed to take place with City Manager Storrellicastro in order to learn about new dates for providing information to Senator Sanders' office and an updated matching grant deadline.

6. Marketing Report – Jim McWilliams

The Sponsor Thank You Event was discussed and praised. The new Winter Solstice Basketball Tournament was also discussed, including the aim to have admissions councilors for VT colleges available at the event. The Barre Granite Association made a contribution of \$2,500 to sponsor the event. Jim will create a commemorative T-shirt.

7. Buildings & Facilities – Jeff Bergeron

He described the goings on as “busy” with employee appreciation/year-end celebratory events (e.g., Darn Tough and ROA), Basketball, breakfast with Santa, local churches sponsoring a dinner event with gifts for children, BYSA, and the Winter Solstice event.

The meeting concluded at 9:30AM.