

Minutes: Civic Center Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Alumni Hall

Attendees: Burnie Allen; Charlie Atwood; Rick Dente; Paula Dolan; Brent Gagne; Sue Higby; Jon Valsangiacomo

Absent: Art Dessureau (attempted to use Zoom; was unable get into the meeting)

Others in Attendance: Jeff Bergeron

Minutes for the March 14th meeting prepared by Sue Higby.

1. The meeting was called to order by Charlie Atwood at 8AM.
2. Minutes from the January 10, 2023, Committee Meeting were discussed briefly and accepted. Rick Dente made the motion to accept minutes as prepared; Brent Gagne seconded the motion.
3. Civic Center fund projects: The meeting room at Alumni Hall was recently painted. Jeff is looking into obtaining Sound Board for use in meetings (pinning up maps, papers). The stairway painting project is out for bids and the offices upstairs will be painted, too. There are 50 new tables, stored in the basement. Jeff is assessing prices for round tables; the carpet was replaced in the elevator. There is approximately \$155,000 in the Improvement Fund. (Jeff will finalize this number and send to Committee members.
4. Norwich AUD project review: Sue Higby shared a section of the Feasibility Study prepared by the student teams. The highest priority items in the study were discussed by Higby, including the need for a hazardous materials assessment; water issues in the electric panel room; various ADA requirements; and the heating/HVAC system. She discussed the review/blow test conducted by Efficiency Vermont (a summary of the review was sent via email). On Friday, March 17, Barre fire officials and state officials will meet with student/faculty teams to review building capacity issues. (This information will have direct bearing on design issues related to bathroom numbers, etc.) In addition, there was a brief discussion about some of the outdoors modifications that will be part of the project, including redesigned parking, access areas, addition of green space to create another area that can be monetized for events. Higby will share key dates for future discussions with the student/faculty teams.
5. Earmark Funds: There was a brief discussion about the City Manager's plans to bring in a construction manager for the project.
6. City Committees reorganization: There will be an announcement about potential changes at the end of March.
7. Staff Reports: Jeff discussed the Basketball Tournaments, which went well. There were extra police on duty during the events. It was reported that the showers were not used during the Tournaments. Additionally, there was a major sewer back-up in the main line/SW corner. (Future management need) Bernie Allen mentioned (for Jim, who was

absent) that the College Basketball Tournament would be experiencing a few team changes, in part due to VT college consolidation activities. They will reach out to teams in NH for the event. Paula Dolan discussed potential handrail improvement needs in the balcony area of the AUD.

8. Future Visitors to the Committee could include: VPA officials; Barre Partnership leadership; Spaulding Athletic Director.
9. Jon Valsangiacomo made a motion to adjourn/ Brent Gagne seconded the motion.