

Sherman Senior Center Building Committee

Minutes

05/15/2024

Mallory Town Hall

Present: Don Lowe, Ed Hayes, Laura Jagodzinski, Joan Laucius, Dave Seegers, Tim Beatty

Absent: Carol Sperling, Rick Hudson

Also in attendance: Maura Newell Juan (Architect), Barbara Constable (Landscape Architect team), and Abigail Adams (Landscape Architect A2 Land Consulting)

Audience: Janet Wey, Chairperson Sherman Commission on Aging

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Unanimous Consent.

The meeting began with Maura Newell Juan presenting the concept building plan.

The building plan (see attachment #1 Concept A of these minutes) provide for approximately 4500 square feet of building space. Entry to the building is under a 1200 SF portico with high roof line. Once in the building the guests enter into a foyer with a reception desk and seating area on each side of the entrance door. Behind the reception desk is a staircase to the attic for storage that will be accessed by staff only and a large closet on the back side of the stairs. The room opens to a large gathering space with windows facing the south. This room will hold 60 people seated at round tables. From this room is access to the large patio and commercial kitchen.

Heading back to the foyer- to the left (facing south) is a hallway with a men's and ladies room, coat closet and 3 meeting rooms, 2 of which are connected with a movable wall that can be opened to make a larger room if needed. Each meeting room has closet storage. Continuing down the hall from the meeting rooms are a door to the kitchen and access to the patio.

Back at the foyer, to the right, is a hallway with a door leading to office space for the director and staff. These rooms have closeted storage. A staff restroom is in this hallway. This plan included an office and large storage room for Social Services with a private entrance at the end of the hallway.

It was suggested by Laura J. that storage in the left side meeting space be switched from closets to under window storage to allow for south facing windows. . Ed Hayes asked that there was space to house tables and chairs when not in use. This was confirmed by Maura. Janet Wey suggested that the coat closet be larger and closer to the foyer for ease of access and winter coat storage. Tim Beatty suggested that the patio be extended slightly to accommodate additional seating in the wrap around area. All agreed to that idea.

Because of the size of the building and budget the committee discussed bringing Social Services over to the new Senior Center. It was agreed that Maura will begin to assess the cost of the building including Social Services and we can make a better decision then.

Site Plan Concept A. Barbara Constable presented the site plan for the building. (Refer to attachment #2 Site Plan of these minutes). The plan calls for 34 Parking spaces; 5 handicap spaces along the front of the building, past the portico. 11 parking spaces in front of the building the remaining spaces along the soccer fields.

Janet Wey raised a concern that there were not enough handicap parking spaces. She is aware that there are several senior center regular attendees that possess a handicap tag and 5 may not be enough. It was agreed that the additional 11 spaces would suffice to add a few handicap signs if needed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 19th 7:00 PM Maura will hope to have costs for building a site plans. The meeting date will depend on whether Maura can have the numbers ready.

Meeting Adjourned 7:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cardillo

Chairperson