

Sherman Senior Center Building Committee

Minutes

08/14/2024 7:00 PM

Mallory Town Hall

Present: Ed Hayes, Laura Jagodzinski, Joan Laucius, Dave Seegers, Carol Sperling, Rick Hudson, Karen Cardillo, Don Lowe

Absent: Tim Beatty

Also in attendance: Maura Newell Juan (72Architects)

Suzette Berger (Senior Center), Carolyn Decker(Senior Center), Lynne Gomez (Sherman Social Services), Meredith Kroeger (Commission on Aging), Sheila McMahon (Commission on Aging), Janet Wey (Commission on Aging)

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM

Minutes of the previous meeting (July 2, 2024) were approved.

Maura Newell Juan presented the septic testing results and survey results. All tests were excellent and the survey boundaries were as expected. She will provide PDF's and a CAD file of the survey for the Town records.

Maura reviewed the site plan, floor plan and the front elevations of the building for those who were not at the meeting last week.

Rick Hudson questioned the material and paint type of the steel tension rods in the portico. Maura and Dave Seegers thought that they were powder coated during manufacture, which was preferred over painting. A short discussion about the use of wood trusses or steel tension rods for the entrance portico ensued and Maura pointed out that the goal was for the buildings to complement each other and discussed options of incorporating a church design element into the Senior Center Building.

Audience members provided feedback, department needs, and asked questions on the plans and drawings. Some commented on the amount of windows and the problem that could occur during movie or presentation days. Suggestion: motorized shades.

The height of the cabinets in the offices and breakout rooms were discussed and it was confirmed that cabinets would be counter height.

Joan asked Lynne Gomez about the Social Services area and it is confirmed that 2 offices are necessary with a door between the two offices. A food pantry with refrigeration is also needed, which is satisfied by the social services storage on the floor plan. No waiting area is needed but a privacy door in the hallway to the senior center for separation would be needed.

The Senior Center offices were discussed; only one office for the director and a receptionist desk in the vestibule would work for the assistant. Glass windows/walls would be a plus for the director's office for visibility.

The Mechanical Room indicated on the floor plan might be able to be re-located in the attic space, freeing up space in the floor plan. Maura will review that.

Laura led a discussion with the Senior Center staff and Social Services to understand their Audio Visual and Technology needs along with the Social Services original building requests in 2023.

Ed suggested reaching out to local musicians to understand AV/electrical needs for large meeting room and outdoors.

Don discussed a new location for Park & Rec. This subject will be taken up at our next meeting.

Maura will provide details on her progress for our next meeting which will likely be scheduled in mid-September.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cardillo, Chairperson