Minutes: Sherman Senior Center Building Committee May 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by acting Chairperson, Don Lowe. This was the first meeting of this committee. Present were: Karen Cardillo; Carol Sperling, Dave Seegers; Laura Jagodzinski, Ed Hayes, Ray Kelly, and Rick Hudson. Absent: Tim Beatty; Joan Laucius;

Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Introductions and greetings were exchanged. A review of the work done by the Senior Center Workshop Group was discussed. Dave Seegers wanted a sense of the timeline going forward. Lowe explained that there was hope that the referendum might be ready, price included, by February. Seegers thought this to be a little ambitious and went on to describe why the process might take somewhat longer. Ed Hayes along with Karen Cardillo expressed the workshop's version of the process, which was described that we had chosen a site location, a beginning floor plan, and garnered interest from at least 5 firms from an RFI we had issued in 2022. However, after further discussion, the committee began to agree with Seegers' assertion that all of the key necessary aspects of this process will move more slowly than we had previously assessed. He also said that the price we might have thought this cost will probably be higher. This was all met with agreement.

Lowe passed out the mission statement and we discussed the document presented. A few changes were suggested and those will be reflected on the new mission document.

Election of officers came next and started with Lowe nominating Karen Cardillo to be Chairperson. Rick Hudson seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously. At that point, Karen took over the meeting. She nominated Don Lowe to be secretary. Ray Kelly seconded that motion. It passed unanimously. The committee entered into a shared discussion about process going forward. Ultimately, it was decided that we move forward with an architect/construction company as soon as possible and that this would be the primary topic at our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 21. Lowe then nominated Carol Sperling to be Vice-chairperson. Rick Hudson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee decided to keep our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month with a start time of 6pm. It was agreed that we could have Special Meetings when needed.

Karen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lowe and we adjourned at 6:51. The entire committee then left for an informal gathering at the proposed site next Colonial Field.

Respectfully Submitted on May 19, 2023 by Don Lowe