

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Special Projects Committee of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session at City Hall Quarters, 3939 S. Lindbergh Blvd., in said City on Tuesday, June 24, 2008. The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	John Littlefield	-Chairman
	Frank Hardy	-Member
	Jan Hoffmann	-Member
	Frank Gregory	-Member
	Gerald Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation.	
	Anne Lamitola, City Engineer/Director of Public Works	

It should be noted that Mayor Svoboda was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the April 29, 2008 meeting will be approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

The members addressed *Finalize Site Location for Facilities* as their first order of business.

A) Discussion regarding the programming for a community center.

Mr. Jim Capps and Mr. Tom Anagnos of Hastings and Chivetta were present. Mr. Anagnos stated that the size of the gym has yet to be determined.

Mr. Anagnos stated that there have been changes made regarding the programming than what was first discussed. The building now does not have a lap pool, the main fitness area has been decreased to be around 4,000 square feet. The meeting rooms have changed; one room will be smaller and one will be larger with a movable partition between the rooms which allows for the size of the rooms to be 950 square feet and 625 square feet. However, the rooms can be combined if so desired.

Mr. Anagnos stated that the current plans include an office suite on the upper level and the fitness area on the level below. The locker rooms have also decreased in size; however the actual size of the lockers has not been determined.

Mr. Anagnos stated that a lap lane pool could be added in the future. He added that the plans do not include a running track.

There was discussion regarding the costs. Mr. Anagnos stated that some of the costs provided are estimated and are not exact.

It was agreed that a decision needs to be made if a small gym or a large gym is desired. The members discussed use of the gym and if it would be used for basketball, aerobics or other events. Mr. Anagnos stated there is eight feet for spectators in the gym. There was a suggestion for the gym to be available for volleyball as well as basketball.

Mr. Anagnos stated that he will look at different layouts to show the negative and positive aspects of the different functions of the gym and forward to the members for their review before the next meeting.

B) Finalize site location for facilities.

Alderman Littlefield stated that during a walk-through it was determined the best location for a community center would be to the rear of City Hall. The other two potential locations seemed to have much more problems such as the need to remove a significant amount of trees and parking problems.

Ms. Darlene Freeburg, trustee of Foxbridge Estates, and Kathy Peterson, resident of Foxbridge Estates, were present. Ms. Peterson stated she sent a letter to all of the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor regarding the location of a community center.

Aldermen Littlefield advised Ms. Freeburg and Ms. Peterson that although the meeting is a public meeting, it is not a public hearing. The residents may observe the meeting, but there will not be public discussion at this time. He then suggested the residents attend a Board of Aldermen meeting to express their concerns.

The residents left the meeting.

Mr. Anagnos stated that there were three sites studied. One of the sites was the Eddie and Park ball field located next to Truman School. However, after reviewing the site there would need to be full parking added, a flat terrain would cause problems, there is very little green space and it would be very difficult to add an outdoor pool at this location. In addition, this site does not have access to walking paths, the advantage of being located near the outdoor pool or nature paths.

Mr. Angnos stated that when a community center was first being considered, another site considered was the area of the existing pool as consideration was given to the possibility of a small lap lane pool, which made the footprint of the building larger. When this site was first considered, it was believed the park building would need to be removed and a loop of parking would need to be added. This would eliminate many trees during construction.

Mr. Angnos stated the other site considered was the area adjacent to City Hall. This has adequate parking, has access to walking paths, would have shared parking and this is a relatively clean site which would help in a two-story building construction. Mr. Angnos stated the building footprint is based on the programming that has been discussed; it is more of a space diagram and is not all elements of the design.

Alderman Gregory asked if consideration has been given to the traffic for the location of land adjacent to City Hall. Mr. Angnos stated that vehicles will have access to a signalized intersection via an interior road to West Watson Road. It was noted there will be occasions when there will be heavy traffic.

Alderman Hardy stated he feels the water runoff concerns by the residents of Foxbridge Estates needs to be addressed if the area adjacent to City Hall is selected as the recommended site.

Mrs. Lamitola stated the city has made improvements for the residents of Foxbridge Estates. Mr. Brown stated the city has worked with the residents of Foxbridge Estates since he has been employed with the city. He walks with the residents on an annual basis. There have been many improvements made.

Alderman Gregory pointed out that the regulations of the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) are more strict than they were when the public works building and the police station were constructed.

It was agreed that the committee will respond to the letter sent to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen from the residents of Foxbridge Estates.

Alderman Gregory made a motion that the site for the location of the proposed community center be the area adjacent to City Hall, Site 1, be recommended to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Hardy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hoffmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Alderman Gregory seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary,



Laurie Govreau