

Fairbank Community Center Study Task Force
DPW Conference Room - DPW building
December 15, 2016

Members Present: Pat Brown -Chair, Jim Marotta, Jack Ryan, John Beeler, Sam Merra, Chris Morely, Jose Garcia-Meitin, Michael Ensley

Members Not Present: Bryan Semple, Lisa Kouchakdjian, Richard Tinsley

Non-Voting Members Present: Jim Kelly, Kayla McNamara
Not Present: Debra Galloway

Meeting called to order 6:10 pm

Results of the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen, December 6, 2016:

1. SPS needs will not be part of the Task Force future planning.

After much discussion, Jack Ryan moved that the Task Force proceed without including SPS at the present time. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Park & Rec **will not** be a **revenue neutral** operation. (The expectation is to operate as efficiently as possible).

3. Fund Raising will not be a function or requirement of the Task Force.

4. Waiting for Selectmen to come forward with a new mission statement.

Of Significance:

After a very long discussion Mike Ensley made the following motion:

... " to have a new RFP to analyze our costs and what are needs are"

A vote was taken - motion passed -- results -- 5 yes, 2 no and 1 abstain

Questions asked or statements made:

- Previous RFP did not meet needs of this is the position of the Park and Rec members.
- Not a complete agreement on this issue - an extended conversation through out the rest of the meeting.
- What are the revenue and operating expenses of the aquatic programs. (no answer at this time).
- What specific information is needed for a new RFP?
- Although we were told that Park & Rec will be revenue neutral question continued to be asked, is it or isn't it.
- What do we need to bring existing building up to date?

Mike and Chris both raised the question of the building safety. Specific areas not mentioned.

Jim Kelly not overly concerned about the safety issue at this time.

- The roof issue was raised once again.
- Pat Brown asking for a priority list for bringing old building up to code. Mike commented once again about safety
- Question asked how to proceed without a plan.

7:10pm - Conversation changed to what the project might cost and what the town might support.

- Question of the pool came up asking what is the right thing to do.

NOTE: (several months ago I set at a meeting where it was discussed. The feeling is that it is good for another 25 years). Not discussed at meeting.

- Mike/Jim M - asked for another RFP to analyze what are needs. (Note the Directors of both Park & Rec both submitted letters expressing their respective needs). These documents were not discussed at the meeting.

- Question what are the current operating subsidies at this time. No answer at this time.
- Question asked for the 2nd time: What are the need and wants? What was wrong with the first RFP?
- JM - What % of revenue has to come from outside the community?
- Jose - We already have the numbers for operating expenses for Park & Rec for years and what the subsidy is. Also have the enterprise fund.

JM- We continue to discuss the same old thing.

Mike - This has to be said. " We never had confidence in prices and felt the first Task Force was holding back "Stuff". They were not delivering information as promised. Tired of hearing the same argument".

JK -What if we end up with the same information we now have?

JM - Revenue will be the same.

CM - Need to know what the new building will cost.

PB - Is there a way to get numbers without a new RFP?

JK - Park & Rec & Senior Center - what do we need maybe a planned sketch done with square footage and then details - maybe 50,000 square feet then we decide what we are doing.

Minutes from the December 1, 2016, meeting with minor amendments were approved unanimously.

At this point a vote as indicated earlier was taken. The motion to adjourn was voted and we adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next Meeting January 5, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted

John Beeler