

LONG-RANGE FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 6:03 PM.

Present: Mayor Mary O'Connor, Chair; Alder Nancy Moore; Dan Eklof; Connie Miley; Robb Kahl; Josh Peterson; Kellie Unke; and Brad Keil

Not Present: Brian Holmquist and Kathy Thomas

Also Present: City Administrator April Little and Matt Wolfert, Bray Architects.

Appearances. There were no appearances.

Approval of Minutes – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2018; Seconded by Kahl. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business. Review Updated Space Needs – Some slight revisions were submitted to the city administration preliminary space program. Possible operations changes in the future will need consideration. Which services should go together also needs consideration, for example recreation and senior center. The space needs study does not reflect “efficiency savings” if departments share spaces.

New Business.

Tour of Community / Senior Center was led by Diane Mikelbank and Jake Anderson at 6:11 PM.

Generate List of Options to Be Explored –

Eklof: Fire and EMS have response time concerns; central location (as is current) is best – but the station is in a residential area. The station needs to be drive through; not having this is a source of accidents. A well-built station also helps with volunteer recruitment.

Visits to other communities with new facilities would be helpful, even if digitally at first, then perhaps an in-person tour. Other new concerns can be addressed with new facilities, such as security and technology.

Discussion of footprint and parking needs. Stalls must be sufficient for staff, volunteers and visitors. Locating in a residential neighborhood can drive down parking needs because of street parking. Underground parking can be helpful for space but is costly. Some departments can “stack” like fire/EMS.

Discussion of sites. Maywood/Neustro Mundo site may become available but the site is long and narrow and the street is a chokepoint; behind Nichols School may be viable. Moore: it would seem desirable to create a “Main Street” environment that would be centralized. We should also look at the revenue stream for senior center and community center, as many non-Monona residents use the facilities.

No objections were heard to potentially moving public safety off current site. City administration location / sharing should also be discussed because it’s the smallest space need.

Discussion of financing options including referendums and public-private partnerships. We will focus on financing options at the next meeting.

Action Items. Next agenda – City financial advisors Hutchinson Shockey & Erley and Finance Director Houtakker will be invited to discuss various financing options.

Next Meeting Dates. Thursday, May 31, then June 21 (date change), at 6 PM.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

By April Little, City Administrator