

Greenbelt Middle School Task Force Meeting Minutes ~ July 14, 2011

Present: David Lange, Janet Mirsky, Beatrice Rodgers, Brenda Cooley, Barbara Simon and Rev. Dan Hamlin,

Excused: Elizabeth Hammett, Ken Blue, Keith Chernikoff, David Whaples, Rosemary Pezzuto, Sharee Koenig, Natasha Jenkins and Shane Wisdom

City Council: Ms. Leta Mach, Liaison

Board of Ed.: Ms. Peggy Higgins, Liaison (not present)

Staff: Joe McNeal, Liaison

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by David Lange at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Lange requested those in attendance to review page 25 of the GMSTF Interim Report and comment on other items that need to be addressed by the Task Force.

Mr. Lange announced that Camp Fire USA offices had been broken into and most if not all of their donated computer equipment had been stolen.

It was noted that the PGCPS had not answered the question of which wings of the building are required to be retained because of historic requirements. While it is believed that any wing over 50 years old must be retained it is not clear which wings fall within this requirement since the start date is ambiguous.

Ms. Simon moved that the agenda be approved, Ms. Rodgers seconded. Agenda was unanimously approved.

Ms. Mirsky moved to approve the June 9, 2011 minutes, Ms. Cooley seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Those in attendance commented on the 7-13-11 City Council Work Session. Comments included;

- Felt the City Council was enthusiastic and seemed to like the recommendation made by the GMSTF.
- Very pleased with the report and the Council reaction.
- Pleased the Council read the report and was well versed on the GMSTF position.
- Felt there was too much discussion on the bus lot issue
- Felt City Council was impressed that all options were considered and thoroughly reviewed.

City Council has scheduled another work session on 7-25-11 to consider the GMSTF recommendation and prepare for the possibility of taking action at their 8-15-11 regular Council meeting.

The estimated cost for renovation of spaces identified under Option 'A' and Option 'B' provided by Rupert McCave from PGCPs were reviewed. Discussion focused on costs that were believed to be covered and those that were not. It is believed that "build out" costs are not covered such as costs to make spaces alterations for specialized uses, any "historical" restorations and some ADA improvements specifically elevators. It appears that most other costs are included.

Ms. Pezzuto was not in attendance to provide an update on the "neighboring" survey being conducted through Camp Fire USA. Mr. Lange advised he believes the work is underway and results will be coming soon. 325 people have been surveyed so far, and the survey work will be resumed when the graduate student returns for classes. Completion date is unknown.

Mr. Lange noted a need to refine the current list of possible community services listed in the GMSTF Interim Report submitted to Council. In an effort to pare down the list he created an exercise to rank the list of community services based on the following criteria;

- How well does the service support the students and their families of Greenbelt Middle School and/or Springhill Lake Elementary School?
- How well does the service support and promote community building?
- Would the program fees for the service pay the associated costs, or would a loss be likely?

Those in attendance were asked to break into groups of two and consider the community service categories listed on page 12 and 13 of the Interim Report by ranking categories as either "high", "medium" or "low" using the criteria above. Three groups of two participated. Upon completion of the exercise all agreed this was a suitable method for refining the list of community services in advance of the next City Council meeting. Mr. Lange requested that a notice be sent to all members of the GMSTF asking them to pick their "top ten" community services listed under the various categories and forward their results to Mr. McNeal no later than 7-19-11 so this information could be forwarded to City Council in advance of the 7-25-11 meeting. Responses were received from six task force members. Results were compiled and forwarded to Council on 7-22-11.

There was discussion of how to assign uses to various spaces within the facility. There are a number of determining factors including greater input from the community on their needs, suitability for altering the space to meet the need and positioning within the facility as relates to other associated uses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved unanimously at the 10-13-11 meeting.