

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WALTER GERRELLS CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
LIBRARY ANNEX
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

Voting Members Present: Steve Sauer
Robert Young
Linda Wiggins
Todd Hyden
Damien Capello
Mark Barela (arrived at 6:20)

Voting Members Absent: Kristopher Walls

Ex-officio Members Present:

Ex-officio Members Absent: Dale Janway, Mayor
Steve McCutcheon, City Administrator

Others Present: Curtis McKinney, Manager
Jason Shirley, City Councilor
Ken Anderson, Guest

Others Absent: Steve Hendley, Director of Sports & Recreation

1 ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Steve Sauer, Chairperson. It was determined there was a quorum.

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The motion was made by Linda to approve the agenda Robert seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Sauer, Young, Wiggins, Hyden, Capello No – None Absent – Walls, Barela

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 -

The motion was made by Todd to approve the minutes for the September 6 regular meeting Linda seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Sauer, Young, Wiggins, Hyden, Capello No – None Absent – Walls, Barela.

4 BOARD MEMBER UPDATE: Steve said he is waiting on a charter for the board. Steve Hendley said there are many new members and asked if everyone had a Civic Center Advisory Board Handbook. Steve Sauer said he believes that is what he is supposed to be getting.

5 OTHER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Steve Sauer said he and Councilor Jason Shirley meet with Steve McCutcheon last week about the progress of the Civic Center. Councilor Shirley they are looking at a new design maybe making the facility friendlier to conferences. He showed the board a rough draft of a design they are looking at, of course no action has been taken. They are still just trying to determine which direction to go in. Jason said the Annex will remain unchanged except some accordion walls that would allow it to be broken up into meeting rooms. He said the auditorium seating area would be cut down to 800 seats. Jason said he thinks the center will need more seats, he is thinking maybe 1100 or 1200. Curtis said currently there are 1865 seats. Councilor Shirley told the board they are still working with the insurance company on the repairs. The city estimates the repairs at a much higher cost than the insurance company, so they are working on getting the insurance company to increase their amount. Right now they are looking at all options.

A board member asked Curtis "from a promoter's standpoint what do you think about 800 seats?" Curtis said he thinks 1200 seats are good, acts won't even consider coming to a venue with 800 seats. There was a concern brought up about the Cavern Theater having 1200 seats which would compete with the Civic Center. If the city feels like they are putting too much into the Civic Center they may decide to put that money into the Cavern Theater instead.

Steve Sauer said both Mr. McCutcheon and the Mayor are both in favor of the Civic Center as a different type of venue. He said they all agree that the Cavern Theater is a venue for one type of entertainment and the Civic Center is a venue for a different type of entertainment and conferences. Robert asked what type of events would be held at the Cavern Theater. Councilor Shirley said they are looking at community concerts and Broadway theater productions. He said they are not designed to do the same thing.

One of the board members asked if they make an adjustment to add the extra seats what that would do to the costs. Curtis told Councilor Shirley to check the price of the seating, because the costs he showed him for the seats are expensive.

Steve Sauer asked Steve Hendley if there was anything the city could do about putting up a temporary wall. He said right now they are just waiting on the insurance. Curtis said they really need to get that wall put up. It looks as though at any moment it could collapse again. Birds are flying in and nesting. The smell is starting to get pretty bad.

Steve asked if any of the board members would like to go with Steve Hendley when he talks to Jason Burns.

Robert asked Steve if he had a list of things he needed help with from the board members. He said Steve Hendley will check on the wall. Someone said to check on a portable office. Curtis really needs an office out there where he can conduct business. Both of these are high priority.

Curtis said the tables really need to be replaced. He said just about every week someone gets hurt from the tables in the Annex. Most of the tables are broken and the edges are cracked. When people go to grab them they cut their hands. He said he thought the city had purchased tables for

the civic center. Curtis said he knows the city purchased some tables because they pull them out of storage and use them for the Mayor's prayer breakfast and the Oil and Gas Summit. Then they return them back to the storage. He thought those tables were bought for the Civic Center

Steve said the minutes have already been approved with an error. Todd made a motion to amend the approval of the minutes, and reapprove after the correction to the minutes. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Sauer, Young, Wiggins, Hyden, Capello, Barela No – None Absent – Walls.

6 **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned.

Chairperson

Date



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