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MINUTES

Senior/Community Center and Library Study Building Committee May 21, 2015

Members Present: Joe Pifko, Richard Seaman, Jeannine Stauder, Rachel Yahwak, Dan Marconi

Members Absent: Anthony Timpanelli

Also Present: Lynn Arnow, Chief of Staff

Chairman Pifko called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM, seconded by Ms. Stauder

There was no public comment

Minutes approved with three word changes

Ms. Stauder mentioned that the Library Board is concerned that they have not been approached as of yet to see what their needs are. The Library Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the library. Their next meeting is June 10th.

Mr. Pifko requested that the SCCLSBC be added to the Library Board's agenda for the June 10, 2015 meeting. Ms. Stauder will add SCCLSBC to the agenda.

Ms. Yahwak shared that the seniors in the community would like to have input into the new center. She suggested that a survey be sent to all the seniors in Trumbull.

Mr. Pifko reminded the committee that their role at this time is a study building committee. If a survey is sent it needs to focus on structural needs. Ms. Yahwak will work on designing a survey with the Director of the Senior Center and bring back to the Committee for review and approval.

Mr. Pifko suggested that Robert Rules would be suspended for this meeting and suggested that the meeting would be a "Think Tank" based on tours at the following Senior Centers: Easton, Fairfield, Stratford and Monroe.

Mr. Marconi shared that common thread in visiting the Senior Centers is a need for more space and parking.

Information on four Senior Centers that were visited:

Fairfield – Single level, shared space with pre-school program, former school, age 50+ approximately 28,000 square feet

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Easton – Single level, former school

Monroe – built as a senior center, age 55+

Stratford – Called the Baldwin Center, built as a senior center, two levels, age 55+, approximately 30,000 square feet.

The Committee identified the following items listed below that would fall into either infrastructure or amenities:

Infrastructure	Amenities
Buildings needs to be designed as a Level I Emergency Shelter	Rental space for other users
ADA Compliant	Bright, airy color scheme
Security Swipe Cards/Electronic Check in	Large Entertainment Room/ TV
Energy Efficient/Solar Energy/LED Lighting	Pickle Ball Court
Lots of Parking	Court Yard – barbeques, outdoor socials
Access to Public Transportation	Atrium/Coffee Shop
Single level for seniors	Rooms can be used in evenings for other town programs
Two levels for library	Weeknight/weekend programs for community
Commercial Kitchen	
Social Services for Community	
Nutrition program	
Exterior Activity rooms with large windows	
Game Room – billiards, ping pong, game tables, Wii games	
Wall Dividers	
Large Gym (Pickle Ball, Yoga, etc.)	
Carpet/Flooring	
Storage space/lockers	
Showers	

The Committee had the following thoughts and questions:

1. Identification card allows for security and will also provide feedback if programing being offered is successful or not.
2. Should Social Services and Senior Center share space.
3. Senior Center needs to be single level.
4. Library needs to be two levels.
5. How to determine size of space?
6. How much land?

7. Central location
8. Is it less expensive to go up or out?
9. Usage space to be above grade.
10. Building to have welcome/check in area upon entering.
11. Pickle Ball was at other Senior Centers and a huge hit.
12. Should Senior Center be called a Senior Center? Stratford calls their center the Baldwin Center.
13. Should age be lowered to 50+ of 55+ like other surrounding communities?

Ms. Stauder shared that there are needs of both the Library and Senior Center that are the same.

Mr. Pifko reminded the committee that a tour of the Greenwich Senior Center is scheduled for May 28th.

Mr. Pifko moved to adjourn meeting at 6:55 PM, seconded by Mr. Marconi

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone