

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
CONNECTICUT**

Town Hall
5866 Main Street
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611



**Senior/Community Center and Library Study Building Committee
Thursday, February 25, 2016
7:00 pm.
Long Hill Conference Room, Trumbull Town Hall**

Present: Co-Chairmen Joseph Pifko and Daniel Marconi; Committee Members Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Joseph Costa, Dawn Cantafio, Jeannine Stauder

Also Present: Lynn Arnow, Chief of Staff

Members Absent: Rachel Yahwak and Richard Seaman

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Pifko at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Kathy Downs, 702 Orchard Street – voiced her concern about constructing the new facility in Island Brook Park. She noted it is a very family oriented neighborhood and quiet. She stated she did not understand the thought process behind the selection as other towns are trying to keep open space. The park is an attraction for the families in choosing their homes. She questioned if the committee had looked at other sites where existing buildings could be utilized and already have traffic flow around them. She noted the park area is typically a low traffic area and requested the committee look at another option.

Alison Vonick, 155 Killian Avenue – stated she loves working with seniors came to catch up on the information available for the project.

Vicki Tesoro, 133 Beechwood Avenue – not at the meeting speaking for herself or anyone in particular but stated she wanted to bring to the committee's attention that there are conversations on social media discussing the selection of the property. There seems to be a concern about the possible loss of the fields that are very well used.

Ms. Vonick asked if the committee was looking to build or add on to an existing building. Mr. Marconi noted the scope of the committee was to make a decision on the condition of the current senior center, what could be done with it and what could be done about a community center. The committee is now able to make a recommendation after much research. Ms. Vonick felt it should be a senior center and a wellness center because people are aging so differently and it would bring everyone together. She suggested 965 White Plains Road. Mr. Marconi noted that the property is privately owned.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mrs. Stauder, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016 as written.

Preparation of Presentation to the Town Council

Each member of the Committee reviewed their material for the presentation. This presentation will include an introduction by Mr. Marconi; library study and site visit information by Mrs. Stauder; survey response by Mrs. Cantafio (including the one day data information); summary of the public hearings by Mrs. Arnow; synopsis of site selection by Mr. Pifko (including a review of the private and town owned properties); review of needs assessment program by Mr. Costa (including energy conservation and sustainability) and wrap up by Mr. Marconi. All presentations will be sent to the Council prior to the meeting.

This will be a quarterly report to the Town Council. This recommendation will start the town moving forward with the various components of the project. It is unknown if the Town Council will vote on the program because some of the sites will accommodate the recommended size and some will not. It will be a good start to have them agree on the building size and what they want to build. The Town Council can accept the report which would lead to the start of all the other steps. The Committee has the following objectives 1) make the Town Council aware of what was done and where everything stands and 2) provide a proposed site which may be appropriate or not and find if they agree with the square footage plan. The Committee would also like clarification of who is responsible to proceed with future steps.

Mrs. Cantafio noted the money for this project is in the Capital Plan which is in the process of being approved. Some money is available at this time for preliminary work.

Next Meeting

It was agreed by the Committee to cancel the meetings originally scheduled for Thursday, March 3 and Thursday, March 17. A meeting will be scheduled on March 24 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Cantafio, seconded by Mr. Costa, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk

These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the next meeting of the Senior/Community Center and Library Study Building Committee.