

Minutes: Civic Center Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Attendees: Charlie Atwood; Rick Dente (via zoom); Brent Gagne; Sue Higby; Brad Ormsby (via zoom); Jon Valsagiaco;

Absent: Art Dessureau

Others in Attendance: Cody Morrison/BADC; Jeff Bergeron; Steve MacKenzie; Jim McWilliam; Stephanie Quaranta

Minutes for April 19th meeting prepared by Sue Higby

1. Minutes from the March 15, 2022, Meeting. Brent Gagne made a motion to accept the minutes; Sue Higby seconded; the minutes were accepted.
2. Visitors and Communications
Cody Morrison of BADC described a proposal for earmark funding via Cong. Welsh that was being submitted for the AUD to improve a/c; HVAC/electric/ADA accessibility; bathrooms/locker areas. Jeff and Cody started discussing ideas at the welcome event for the new Barre Police Chief and the proposal grew from there. Twenty-three businesses are providing support for the proposal, along with Home Health, and the VT Principals Assn. There are other Barre City projects being submitted. Decision: May 6. Funds need to be expended in 2023. Barre City missed Sen. Leahy office deadline.
3. Potential New Members for the Committee
Chair Charlie Atwood attended Council and requested that the total number of Civic Center Committee members increase from 7 persons to 9. Charlie explained that we are moving into the cycle for appointments (June) and all Committees in Barre will be advertised, including the new Civic Center Committee slots. Council reviews applications and makes decisions during the last 2 June meetings. The Committee can make a recommendation. Sue is going to look into “emeritus status” as an option for Committee membership.
4. Norwich University Partnership
Sue Higby provided a discussion of the Norwich University Senior Project, which will run from the fall season through the spring of 2022-23. Sue provided a written description of the project (attachment). After discussion, it was decided that a presentation by Professor Kelley and possibly students would take place in mid-October.
5. Facility Needs
Tables (50 – 8-foot) have been ordered; chairs and round tables are being researched. Additionally, a screen for the Alumni Hall meeting space is being researched.
6. Staff Reports
Written and oral reports were provided by Jeff; Stephanie; Jim (forwarded by email).
7. In Conclusion
Next Meeting; May 10th
Jon Valsagiaco made the motion to conclude the meeting; Sue Higby seconded the motion; the meeting concluded.