

City of Barre
Civic Center Committee Meeting
February 8, 2022
Location - Alumni Hall

In attendance: Art Dessureau, Rick Dente, Jon Valsangiacomo, Charlie Atwood, Brent Gagne, Sue Higby.

Others in attendance: Jeff Bergeron, Jim McWilliam, Stephanie Quaranta.

Absent: Brad Ormsby

Guest: Tracie Lewis.

Motion was made to accept meeting minutes from January by Art; seconded by Sue.

Topics discussed:

Tracie Lewis was hoping for the Brew Fest in May but based on COVID, etc., it will be changed to October 1.

Women's Health and Wellness will be held September 17 at the Aud.

Heritage Festival is coming back in July.

1. Strategic Facilities Needs - Update (Jeff/Steph):

a. Getting prices for tables and chairs; waiting for vendor pricing.

b. Jeff stated that there is \$119,278 in the Civic Center Improvement Fund. Art asked if some of the funds could be used for the locker rooms expansion at the BOR. Since hockey numbers are down, the Committee feels there is not a need for money spent on locker rooms at this time. Discussion ensued regarding updating the electrical panel in the Auditorium. Art, Sue and Rick mentioned that was a City responsibility and Civic Center funds should not be used for that purpose. Discussion regarding purchasing new

equipment for hybrid meetings for Alumni Hall.

2. COVID Updates and Policy/Enforcement.

a. Charlie and Jon met with BYSA Hockey - talked about mask policy. Board seemed receptive, stated majority wears masks; 10% don't. Since hockey season is almost over, there will be more discussion prior to next season if needed.

b. Gun Show - 90% people wore masks. One incident where one person was asked to leave venue. Show went well overall.

3. Committee New Membership.

a. Steve sent the Committee the new policy from City Council which Boards need to follow for adding new members. Committee voted that the maximum number of Civil Center Board Members capped at nine. Art made a motion to accept; Sue seconded.

4. Staff Reports.

Jeff - Bridal Show on January 30 went great. Well attend; had over 100 registrations. They will come back March 18, 2023.

A small scale Farm Show, i.e., beekeeping, small farmers, sugaring, etc. - hoping for February 15, 2023.

Pike is coming back for a rental this year.

Trapper's Association is working on a Fall date for rental.

Working with Jeff Brosseau for CYO basketball tournament for Auditorium in 2023.

Stephanie - rent doing well - revenue on par.

Figure skating was back full strength and had their year-end show.

Ike Lee Tournament hockey tournament was held February 11-13.

Open basketball went well.

Jim - After 4 1/2 years - a waiting list for advertising spots at the BOR and Auditorium. All spots filled!

Bernie Allen met with Northern Vermont University to discuss Granite City Shootout which will return November 18 and 19. All past teams plan on returning. Tournament may return under new name.

Motion for meeting adjourned made by Art; seconded by Brent.