

Minutes: Buildings and Facilities Committee

(former Civic Center Committee)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Alumni Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

- Attendees: Charlie Atwood; Art Dessureau; Rick Dente; Sue Higby
- Not in Attendance: Jon Valsangiacomo; Burnie Allen; Paula Dolan; Brent Gagne
- Others in Attendance: Rikk Taft; Jim McWilliam

Minutes for the June 12, 2024, meeting prepared by Sue Higby

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlie Atwood at 8:02AM.

1. Minutes for the May 8, 2024 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved, with a motion by Art Dessureau, seconded by Rick Dente, and affirmed.
2. Visitors and Communications – Several members of the BYSA attended to discuss the new turf.

The Committee discussed concerns over the lack of a plan to replace the Recreational Director position. At this time, an on-line scheduling system is in place.

Marketing and promotions of the new turf were discussed. Members of the BYSA and Committee members would like to see more promotions via social media and other means. In addition, concerns about whether the digital sign may be used for providing information about the turf community hours were discussed. (NOTE: This topic will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.)

Several problems were detailed: The removal and replacement of the new turf has presented some problems, due to the use of an outside crew from Montpelier and change in numbering system. Apparently, some pieces were placed incorrectly and re-numbered. (It takes 3-4 days to install the turf; at the end of the turf season, the areas in question will be re-labeled. Because of the labor involved, the goal is to limit the replacement/ installation of turf to 1 time/year.) Following the highway show, there were 8 pieces of turf missing.

Other issues for the space include: There needs to be patching of some roof areas; the doors at the BOR need work.

3. Earmark Funds

The manager has applied to the USDA to obtain the earmark funds in the amount of \$3.4 million. Recently, paperwork was provided that would alleviate the matching requirement. Key areas of work would likely include: heat/ac/restrooms/ADA accessibility/electric panel upgrades/improved LED lighting. The kitchen potentially would be a part of the project. Rikk requested the NU project summaries.

4. Civic Center Projects

There was some discussion about the importance of a digital media person. There was some discussion of considering a local student for a part-time role.

Rikk will send the new list of projects following the meeting.

5. Marketing Report – Jim

Jim has contacted the Labor Department concerning potential training sessions; Darn Tough, and other potential renters. He continues to work on the Winter solstice activity, which has been rescheduled for Jan. 3 & 4; it will possibly attract participation by 6 schools. In addition, there is a potential Chittenden County tournament in the works (boys/girls B-Ball). He discussed the potential for hosting the VT State HS Wrestling Championship event at the AUD and is looking into this possibility.

Many renewals of Banners and Dashers take place in the early fall season; the pricing of making the banners is increasing and as a result, we may need to consider a new pricing scheme in the future. A discussion about a community business took place briefly during the meeting without recording.

Executive Session

Due to a discussion concerning an employee contract, Charlie Atwood made a motion to enter Executive session; Rick Dente seconded the motion and such a discussion took place. Sue Higby made a motion to end Executive Session to return to the regular meeting and Rick Dente seconded the motion.

A motion was made at 9:28AM to adjourn the meeting.