

Members:

Mark Foreman, Co-Chair Carol Glick Frank Krasin Jean Milburn, Co-Chair William Sterling, Co chair

Council on Aging /Community Center Advisory Committee ("CoA/CCAC") Minutes: December 18, 2017 7:00 PM

In attendance: Frank Krasin, Jean Milburn, Carol Glick and William Sterling Also in attendance was the Finance Committee, the CoA Director, Julie Secord, Recreation Director, Katherine Brenna, Christine Baldwin, Mary Antes, and Ben Keefe, ex officio, Wendy Levine, applicant to the Committee.

Absent: Mark Foreman, co-chair and ex officio participant, Steve Correia.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM jointly with the Recreation Committee at the CoA Meeting Room in the Town Building.

I. Public Comment- There was no public comment.

<u>II. Review of revised Community Center scope</u>- William Sterling explained that the proposed Article to ATM in 2018 will be to request funding for a minimized alteration to the existing building footprint with only minor additions of vestibules to add air locks to public spaces per Energy Code.

In response to the question, "Who will use the building?," Mr. Sterling explained that this proposed concept will require a revised program of downsized space needs from the last study that Kaffee Kang prepared. The Recreation Department needs to meet the Community Center Committee to discuss their potential activities in the building. Most pressing is the question, "Where will the art room go?" Now that the Town is eliminating the art classrooms at Fire Station #2, there will be no place for the art classes. Ms. Brenna and Ms. Secord shall meet to study the reduced size and number of programs that will fit into the 10,250 SF building with a related schedule of a typical week of activities.

The Recreation Department offices will remain where they are. One of the six activity rooms in the proposed Community Center may be fitted with equipment and storage for some art activities. However, there is not a plan to include a kiln and pottery classroom in the new program. Another space for pottery classes needs to be determined.

The committee asked what impact the new library project will have. Mr. Sterling explained that the new 33,000 SF library building will not be available to either the CoA or the Recreation Department programs because of the library policy of not making space available for any programs that charge fees. However, he added that the Library Building Committee is contemplating an art center in the old library building if the new library is approved at ATM. Pottery may be introduced there by them if it is free of charge and subsidized somehow. Alternatively, he added that the art and pottery rooms

may be moved into the old CoA space once they move to the Community Center at the Town Center.

Mr. Sterling proposed an operational model that may be dually managed as follows: Weekday mornings until 3 PM activity scheduling may be by the CoA. Weekday afternoons from 3 PM until closing at 10 PM activity scheduling may be by the Recreation Department. Weekend activities may be scheduled by the Recreation Department or as otherwise agreed. Rental of spaces to the public may be managed by either department, an independent agent or an event planner.

Mr. Sterling asked for the Recreation Committee support for the Community Center Article at the spring ATM. Members did not vote, but gave encouragement to Ms. Brenna to work with the CoA on developing the program further.

III. Adjournment-At 8:01 PM, Ms. Milburn moved to adjourn. Ms. Glick seconded the motion. The vote in favor was 4–0.

Handouts: Agenda of tonight's meeting

Respectfully submitted William A. Sterling, Co-Chair