

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the
Citizen's City Center Committee
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
at the Village Center

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members Alex Brown, William Lorton Cook, and David Cooper, as were Councilmembers Scott Roswell and Russell Stewart, present on silent roll call. Also present was Interim City Manager Eric Ensey.

Committee member Richard Diecidue arrived at 4:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cook moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Richard MacGowan, South Metro Fire Rescue, introduced himself to the Committee and explained the history of SMFR's involvement in the Village Center project.

Mr. MacGowan expressed concern that because of the delays in the project, SMFR is potentially going to lose their funding for the project through a possible reallocation of the money being budgeted by the district. The money has been budgeted for 2007.

Mr. MacGowan provided a concept that would allow SMFR to move forward with their building while the City of Cherry Hills Village evaluated the site in further detail. This concept included the City transferring the land purchased east of the existing Village Center (formerly known as 125 Meade Lane). This concept would not have any impact on the existing Village Center functions. Additionally it would allow SMFR to use the existing building during construction of the new fire station.

Mr. MacGowan also stated that SMFR would also be interested in exploring possible sharing of facilities that might make sense.

The Committee and Mr. MacGowan discussed the concept in greater detail.

Chairman Cooper questioned where SMFR preferred to locate their facility. Mr. MacGowan stated that frontage on Quincy Avenue would be preferred and that they had looked at other properties in the area, but none of them worked as well as the Village Center site either financially or logistically. He further stated that the existing facility is not designed for men and women to share and the apparatus bays of the current facility are not sufficient.

Chairman Diecidue questioned the size of the SMFR station on University in Greenwood Village. Mr. MacGowan approximated its size at 7,000 square feet.

Mr. MacGowan also explained the advantages of the proposed facility having drive-thru apparatus bays.

Co-Chairmen Cooper and Diecidue questioned the impacts of the proposed facility on school pedestrians. Mr. MacGowan explained that SMFR has reviewed the scenario in detail and does not believe there is a significant safety concern. The biggest concern discussed was that the intersection is a high traffic area.

Mr. MacGowan provided a description of the proposed fire station building for the Village Center site. He explained there is not sufficient room on the existing site for an expansion.

Mr. MacGowan stated that SMFR would evaluate a proposal to share facilities, if the situation worked and would be subject to discussion by SMFR's board.

Mr. MacGowan explained that something would need to be done to the existing fire station if the Village Center project does not go forward. He explained the proposed building is approximately 8,500 square feet and the district could evaluate the size and whether or not they could reduce the square footage.

Chairman Cooper introduced to the Committee the information compiled and included for the committee members the history of the Village Center project. He also provided the Committee with a spread sheet designed to lay out some of the history of the Village Center project more easily.

Former Councilmember John Love provided the Committee with a description of how the project got to where it is today. Mr. Love stated he believed the project got out of hand through the City's hired intermediary project manager. He also stated Council reviewed moving Public Works out of the City, and decided, based on recommendation of the former City Manager, that public works should remain on site.

Discussion ensued about the location of the public works functions of the City. The Committee discussed looking at the issue in detail. Additionally, they discussed the possibility of evaluating the out-sourcing of public works functions. They also discussed possible issues with servicing the City if Public Works were located outside the City.

Chairman Diecidue offered to look at other cities and how their public works departments function.

Mr. Brown questioned what equipment is being stored and whether certain functions are permanent or seasonal. He also questioned what is forcing the increase in the public works yard. Mr. Brown stated that he would further discuss the public works functions with staff by the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the parameters of the previously proposed land-swap with South Metro Fire Rescue. The Committee also questioned the location of the fire station on the site.

Chairman Cooper explained he would evaluate the site itself and the floodplain. Mr. Cook agreed to look at the building scope/size as presented in the program schedule prepared by Davis Partnership Architects.

Mr. Brown stated three questions that need to be reviewed: 1) Why can't we keep what we have? 2) Why can't we add an addition to the existing building? 3) If we are building something new, how do we get value and not a Taj Majal?

Chairman Cooper further questioned the program schedule for the building and stated the Committee would need to better understand why it called for an increase in building size to the magnitude presented.

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The Committee discussed further evaluating reducing square footage for the Village Center, Public Works building and fire station.

The Committee decided to schedule their next meeting for Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. The Committee suggested inviting the Police Chief and Public Works Director to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

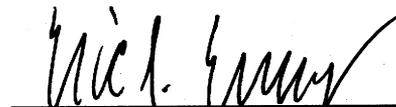
The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.



David Cooper, Co-chair



Richard Diecidue, Co-chair



Eric J. Ensey, Interim City Manager