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Happy Monday!

Here are our latest minutes- holler at me if you need anything further :)

Payton

7 W Guilford Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Called to order by Mayor 6:05

Absent: Kelly Johnson, Blythe Leonard

Present: Nancy Staton, Andrew Clement, Carol Brown, Mayor York, Ron Bratton, Payton Williams, David Yemm, Tammy Joyce

Additions/Deletions to the agenda:

1. Delete Item 6B: report on museum trip by Mayor and City Manager. The museum trip had to be rescheduled to next Wednesday January 11 at 1p (Rockingham County Museum). Tammy, Michael, and Mayor plan to attend. All committee members are welcome.
2. Add Item 6B: discuss building inventory and clean up and set a date and time.
3. Add Item 6C: schedule a public forum meeting in March or April.
4. New Business: Heather- historical architect- coming noon on Tuesday, January 10 around noon. Mayor, Tammy, and Andrew will be in attendance. All committee members are welcome.

Andrew motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Nancy seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Carol motioned to approve the minutes, second David, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

1. Discuss the mission, vision, and goals of the committee.

- Mission is outlined in the bylaws
- Goal is to determine a use for the building. So far the committee is on board with using a portion of the building for the museum, with the understanding that some portion of the building must generate revenue.
- Andrew read Kelly's email aloud and the committee really liked her ideas (email attached as addition).
- Ron suggested hosting an open house at the police station once it's been cleaned out and also creating a list of potential donors of items to the museum.

1. Report on surplus property in the building

- The committee realized that a workday to remove or at least identify what items should be salvaged is needed.
- The hope is Darryl can send some guys over with a dump truck to remove the trash and junk.
- MIS will remove sensitive information and recycle the computers left behind.
- We can have a sale of the furniture as long as no item sells for over \$5000 a piece.
- Ron suggested finding a bay at Doak Street and putting all the furniture there to be sold so the building can be cleaned. The committee agreed with this plan.
- The committee decided to meet at the PD January 28 at 1pm to identify historical items and things we want to keep and start sorting through the mess that was left behind.

New Business

1. Discuss organization of other museums in the area

- common thread: buildings are usually provided free of charge and managed by a 501c3
- No set format for day-to-day operations, some rely heavily on volunteers and some have paid staff
- Could just be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- Andrew pointed out that a museum could be managed by Tourism because Tourism already has a funding stream and paid employees. Andrew will put his thoughts on paper soon about how this could work.
- We could still have a coffee shop and retail space (gift shop) in the PD in addition to the museum

1. Date for clean up set for January 28 at 1p

2. Schedule a public forum meeting

- May 4 at 6p at the Aquatics Center

- We will set a date for an open house at the police station before then once it's cleaned up.
- Priscilla Oldaker offered to help with the project and can share this info via NIXEL
- Austin Hill would also be a good resource for finding items we might want in the museum.

Additional Items

- Mayor is working on collecting past utility bill information and will share with the committee ASAP.

Important Dates:

- Clean up date on January 28 at 1p
- Public Forum on May 4 at 6p at the aquatics center
- Will schedule an open house at the PD once it's cleaned up before the public forum
- Mayor encouraged folks to continue writing ideas down to share as they come to us
- Jason Nixon from Madcap Cottage is interested in helping out the committee!

Motion to adjourn Andrew, Second Nancy, carried unanimously.

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