

Community Relations Meeting Minutes

Trustee Jenni Marner called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm on January 10, 2018. People in attendance were: Anita Krutsinger, Nolan Lee, Christy Miller, Dick Hein, Rod Randall, Jenni Marner, John Foran and Erica Carter.

This meeting was held to further discuss the MSA welcome center plans. Jenni received several e-mail comments on the plans from the committee. Some liked the plan as is and others are concerned about the limiting factor of the existing welcome center. In order to provide helpful comments to MSA, this meeting was called to discuss in person these differences of opinion.

Discussion centered along these items:

There is concern about the information center/overhang being too close to the parking lot if it were to stay at 40'. Would like to cut it down to 36' foot (if this is a standard size).

Need to match heights on the existing and proposed info centers.

Could probably use wider/bigger seats inside than plan shows. Christy isn't worried as much about what she ultimately will put inside; she has several ideas and it appears that the center would provide the space.

Nolan mentioned the large window faces and how that will distract from using the wall space because you'll want to look out the building. Might need to restrict some of the windows and turn them into walls for additional information space.

The existing building status.

- Is the existing welcome center going to meet our needs?

- Erica is hearing many people say it is an eyesore and should go if this is the route we are taking.

- Rod is hearing the complaints of cost to the taxpayer for a structure that serves mainly tourists. And pair that with the thought that we are lucky to have the existing welcome center and likes the history of the space.

- discussion seemed to settle with keeping the existing center as is, knowing in the future it may need some remodeling and "fixing" of the spaces to make them more user friendly and coordinated with the new spaces.

Additional project considerations must be made concerning:

- Funding. What grants are available?

- Staging the project. Committee agreed restroom building is the priority structure.

Other concerns with the site plan regard lighting of the spaces. No provisions appear in the current plan. That will be important for it to be utilized.

Can we lower the pitch on the octagonal roof?

Other discussion focused on the triangular parking lot desire of the Village property near the railroad tracks. Currently street/alley committee has discussed this. There has also been discussion about if the

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Action Steps:

Jenni will ask MSA to revise the octagon building to 36'. Will MSA provide an updated "pretty picture" page of this so it can be passed to the Board on Monday night.

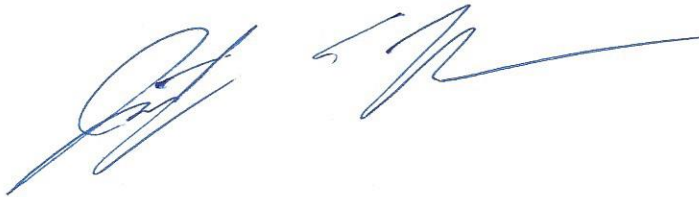
Christy will be prepared to present the current plan to the Board, ultimately looking for feedback from the Board members at this time.

After receiving additional comments from the Board, this committee will meet again to discuss further.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenni Marner, Trustee

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