

Property 8/31/2022

Called to order at 18:07

Members present: Kwiecinski (chair), Gomez, Zaret
Meeting was Remote via google meets and was recorded

Minutes from 8/22/2022 were approved 3-0 (motion Gomez, second Zaret)
Councilor Zaret added they will be amended to reflect the remote meeting and that it was recorded

Minutes from 7/18/2022 approved 3-0 (motion Zaret, second Gomez)

School Reuse

Joe Banas

Board of directors of COA:

Support of COA moving to one of the schools

Evaluating Pepin for such use

Eileen Meyers

Resident:

Agree with COA moving to Pepin aware of previous discussions re Pepin combined uses

Pepin can include artisans and shared work space

Need use by the city's population by one of these buildings

Leslie Button

Fox run resident:

In support board of friends of COA

Understands need for affordable housing

Also needs for community use

Brian English

VP of EH basketball:

Spoke about preserving Pepin Gym, and losing practice space and times for indoor recreation.

Kiam McQuaid

Resident:

Member of affordable and fair housing. Spoke to the structure of the RFP and that it contains language in support of affordable housing while also allowing for preservation of existing community space

Paul St Pierre

East st:

Spoke to pepin as a community space

Need for gym and other amenities

Wonders if Pepin and center can be separated

Also spoke about moving the community center

We need to continue to explore options and to weigh all options

Tom Brown

Resident 60 years:

Member of school building committee, COA, edic

All great ideas but need developers to make it a reality

City may not be able to afford the process of consolidation

Don't know what is available until you put the RFP out there

Don't have to accept anything

John Mason

Parks and rec director:

Pepin Gym is of the utmost importance

Understands there are many needs

RFP and process should reflect the needs and what to preserve

Tom Peake

Interested in consolidating buildings with all needed municipal organizations

Maybe should have had that discussion before

Deadline for this grant cycle is approaching

There is cost to holding onto buildings

Need to wait until offers actually are made to be able to consider them

Can continue to be thoughtful in the meantime

Chair Kwiecinski mentioned other constituents that want to preserve Pepin gym

Kate Banigan White:

Question for the committee

Where are we in terms of sense of priorities with releasing RFP

Why is the gym so important?

The chair responded re timeline so far and history of the process

Also asked John Mason about the gym: Need to look at feasibility and costs

Zaret

Discussed the process thus far. Encouraged people to move forward to actually receive offers

Gomez

Noted there public meetings by committee

Can take time to figure out as politicians, but we can't direct departments what to do in terms of use of buildings. Ultimately the operations are through the mayor
Need to make language clear and work on it by 9/21

Jeff Bagg:

A lot of the discussion that has come out has been brought up before
Financial feasibility of retaining buildings is on the taxpayers
Committee was formed to assist the council had broad representation

Emily Innes

Innes associates

The RFP is a draft and we can work on the language. City Council does not need to accept incoming proposals Center and Pepin do not need to move together, but for the purposes of the RFP very undesirable to do so.

Presented on reasoning for RFP

The chair asked about the scoring system

Emily Innes: usually two components any choice of points per column. Weighting score give certain criteria higher weight
There will be a scoring committee

Zaret:

Can we increase the community connections

Can we ask a developer to come back with additional options at the interview.

Should we split up community connections into major and minor criteria or haven separate categories of community connections

How to look at private public partnership

Gomez: need to do "parking and playground" not "parking, playground"

Can figure out interview or scoring after

Gomez recommends public hearing on 21 and there was consensus by the committee

Set meetings for the 8th and 14th of September

Will review and discuss sample weighting and language

Committee voted 3-0 to set a public hearing on 9/21 at 6:15 PM (motion Gomez, second Zaret)

The planner had sent the motion to accept the schools as surplus. Discussed and will present at full council meeting

Chair: Does accepting the schools in any way confine a certain use

Michael Owens:
Doesn't confine to a certain use

Committee voted 3-0 to adjourn (motion Gomez, second Zaret)

Adjourned at 19:49

Raise the bar on community connections
Add number or better specify