

Citizens' Advisory Committee for Re-Use

Meeting Summary

April 3, 2019

5:00 PM

Present: Lou DiPalma Tom Panasci
Mary LaRowe Virginia Horvath
Mike Hughes Steve Rees
Nate Aldrich Rebecca Yanus

Absent: Shaun Heenan Christine Schuyler
Diane Hannum Loretta Slaton Torain
Marty Bamonto Mayor Rosas

Call to Order

L. DiPalma called the meeting to order.

Updates

M. LaRowe provided a brief summary of activities since the March meeting, including the “go live” of the website link for re-use ideas. Feedback on the site has been good with a few recurring themes to be shared later in the meeting.

Information/Press Release

M. LaRowe indicated that the hospital has developed a document of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that they plan to share with the media. A copy was distributed to the CAC for feedback. S. Rees indicated that he was asked if the hospital’s name would change when it moved. The FAQs document is intended to be a living document with additional questions added as identified. A new question and answer related to the hospital’s name will be added in the near future.

Plans to provide a summary of the CAC meetings on the hospital’s website were discussed. Prior to posting the summary would be shared with the CAC to ensure accuracy of the information provided. A summary of the March meeting was shared with the CAC and there were no edits suggested.

Feedback: Public Comments

L. DiPalma reviewed the summary of the ideas/comments obtained related to potential reuse of the hospital. Ideas included medical uses, social services, rehabilitation, housing, child care and early development, rental properties, mixed use, retail, urgent care, and work force training center. All of the suggestions to date and any additional will be included in the proposal to developers. It was noted that a taxable development would be beneficial to the City's tax base.

Expression of Interest (EOI)

M. LaRowe distributed a draft EOI document for the CAC's feedback. A number of suggestions/edits were made. N. Aldrich and R. Yannus agreed to provide additional information on the City, vacant/underutilized properties near to the hospital, and any opportunities or incentives available in the area. M. LaRowe would like to target a final read of the EOI by the CAC before distribution. May 1 is target date for distribution to developers. A list of developers is being created.

Feedback for Membership

There was no additional feedback provided.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned noting the next meeting as Wednesday, May 1, 2019.