

Holliston Community Center Task Force
Meeting Minutes

Date: 4 June 2013

Location: Wilde Building, 200 Summer St. Holliston, MA

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:15 by Carl Damigella, Chairman. Task Force members in attendance: Carl Damigella, Kristen Hedrick, Heidi Schreuder-Gibson, and Tom Naughton - new representative of the Youth and Family Services department. (6 members required for quorum).
2. Public comment: there were no public comments offered.
3. Approval of Minutes – no quorum, not approved.
4. Discussion of Wilde building features, lease and sale options with the future owner of the building.
 - Heidi asked about the potential of this building to serve not only as a community center and senior center, but also as a town emergency shelter with a backup power generator. There is currently no backup power generator.
 - Other features of the building were clarified – the warehouse area is heated, and the assembly areas are air conditioned. The office areas are also air conditioned. The office areas include a dining room with full kitchen. There are multi-stall bathrooms and showers (needed for potential emergency shelter operations).
 - Carl talked about options for lease or sale. These will continued to be explored with town departments, the board of selectmen, and the owner/realtor to determine whether the location is a realistic alternative to building a center on town owned land.
 - It was noted that there was ample parking. Heidi mentioned that although the siting is 1.5 miles out of the downtown area in Holliston, it is located along the recreation trail and is accessible by bicycle and foot while driving access does not appear to present a traffic congestion problem, as would be experienced in the downtown area.
5. A tour of the building confirmed over 80,000 square feet in the building, with acceptable office space for all departments requiring relocation this year. There is approximately 30,000 square feet of open space, which appears to be more than is needed for planned recreation and senior center activities, but more detailed planning with these departments would be needed. There is side-door access to offices/meeting rooms for Youth and Family Services, which are located near the warehouse area that could potentially house a large gym.
6. The group met with the new owner of the building to determine what she might be willing to do with the property – sell or lease, and whether there was any interest in

town department occupancy. Rose indicated interest in working on an arrangement with the town, if the building appeared to fit the plans of the community center.

7. Carl Damigella expressed interest in working with the new owner on costs and possible leasing options for town use. The CCTF received floor plans from the current realtor, Cathy Minnerly, on the Wilde Building for planning purposes.
8. Action Items:
 - CCTF is expected to attend the All Boards meeting on 19 June and report on progress.

Next meeting: not scheduled at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

By Heidi Schreuder-Gibson, Secretary of the Holliston Community Center Task Force.