

CITY OF BAY VILLAGE

CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES

March 5, 2012

Scott Pohlkamp, Vice President of Council, presiding

Present: Clark, Lieske, Miller, Pohlkamp, Young, Mayor Sutherland

Absent: Mr. Koomar, Mr. Tadych

Others

Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Presley, Service Director Galli, Police Chief Wright, Fire Chief Lyons, Community Services Director Bock, Recreation Director Enovitch, Operations Manager Landers

AUDIENCE

The following members of the audience signed in this evening: Jerrie Barnett, Detective Kevin Krolkosky, Denny Wendell, Russell Thompson, Pam DeFino

Mr. Pohlkamp called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. in the conference room of Bay Village City Hall.

Restoration and Remodeling Activities pertaining to the Community House

Mr. Miller stated that at last week's meeting he may have misinterpreted what Mayor Sutherland mentioned about the activities at the Community House. He has come to learn that the Service Department has been modifying the lower level of city hall to receive the building inspectors who were formerly housed at the Community House. In light of that misinterpretation, Mr. Miller thought it might be an opportunity for the park trustees to at least start a discussion or dialogue about the next steps at restoring or remodeling the Community House, the funding that may be required and the planning and resources that we may need to allocate towards the restoration of the structure. Mr. Miller opened up the issue to discussing the finer points of the Cleveland Restoration Society's findings as a first step.

Mr. Pohlkamp asked the appropriate venue for an item like this, noting that there are numerous entities involved.

Mayor Sutherland stated that probably the first thing to be done is make sure that everyone is up to speed with the Cleveland Restoration Society report and keeping in mind that this really was an assessment without providing plans or telling how to accomplish anything. At the last meeting, Mayor Sutherland stated that she mentioned that she and Service Director Galli had been talking about what they would have to do next. Probably the best course of action would be to go out to request proposals or quotations and have someone take a look at the report to know what to focus on and then come up with a plan for bringing it up to speed. The Mayor stated that they are looking at some of these items and thinking the cost is probably \$500,000, minimum.

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Mr. Miller stated that he would like to discuss some of the activities because if we consider how the structure might be occupied today or how we may want to occupy it in the future, then the renovations that occur there could influence the use. Do the groups that currently use the facility have a need to expand into the lower level, or one level to another? Mr. Miller stated that he personally does not know all the groups that are occupying the space. If we have an evaluation of the use it may influence whether we want to separate the two spaces based on the current codes. If we bring up the fire suppression systems and the fire alarm systems in that space as an assembly space we may want to keep them separate.

Mayor Sutherland stated that some of that was addressed in the facilities study that the city did. If that report is put with the Cleveland Restoration Society report superimposed on top of it, a clear idea of the infrastructure issue that would have to be addressed is given. The information as far as which groups use the facility can be obtained. The Mayor noted that there are also issues in the basement which used to be the Friendship Center for the seniors. There is a major leak that has not been able to be addressed pouring into the restrooms in the back area that used to be the old jail. The Cleveland Restoration Society had recommended that in order to finally address the drainage issue the back patio area would have to be removed to access the lower area for repairs.

Mayor Sutherland recommended that discussion begin in committee, looking at the reports that are on file, and going out for requests for proposals. Mr. Ebert suggested that a list of everything that the city would like to do with the Community House be compiled and listed as options on the proposals, prioritizing in need of importance. He suggested putting the door back on the front of the building.

Mr. Miller stated that a program of requirements is really what is needed and that would be presented to an architect and engineering firm, or even a builder, for estimates, noting the priorities. Mr. Clark stated that the flip side to that is the demand demographics. What additional days could be used by a group that might otherwise want to use it that is not using it right now? It has been discussed before that the building is somewhat under utilized.

Mayor Sutherland stated that through the past years the Councils have focused on the Community House as being utilized by community groups, not rented for private use. That has kept the cost down and there are civic groups that meet there. Those will probably continue on. It is in Cahoon Memorial Park and the use of alcohol is prohibited.

Mr. Pohlkamp noted that utilization of buildings has changed in the past six years. The city used to rent out the Bayway Cabin which we no longer do. The Friendship Center became the building inspectors' office. There was a point where we rented out the Dwyer Memorial Center and now with the changes in the Dwyer Center it has become a building that we do not want to rent out as much.

Mr. Young commented that a use study is key. One financial aspect that is threatening is having the two floors and having to put in an elevator which is a cost killer and ridiculous to put in a

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building that used to be a barn. Mr. Young stated that he would like to see part of the building split. Much of the wing of the kitchen and bathroom area is taken up by a stairwell that is closed off and not even used. That space could be recaptured.

Mr. Miller stated that part and parcel to use is the perspective of preservation. We could go in there with modern materials, tools and ideas, but how becoming of that effort would it be to the Community House? Mr. Ebert agreed, and stated that the lift that was put there, the use of which has now been eliminated, was in lieu of putting in a ramp because of the stair case in the front of the building.

Mr. Young asked how to proceed as far as getting a use study done. The matter will be taken up by the Planning, Zoning, Public Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Law Director Ebert stated that Tuesday, March 13 will be the final day of the option on the rental home in Cahoon Memorial Park, known as the librarian house. If there are no offers as of Monday, March 12 the city will proceed.

There being no further business to come before the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Scott Pohlkamp, Vice President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council