



**TOWN OF RICHMOND
COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

April 25, 2019

A regular meeting of the Richmond Community Center Study Committee was held on April 25, 2019. Present were Mark Trimmer, Robin Woodmansee, Erin Liese, Elwood Johnson, Allen Cullion, and Dennis McGinity,

A. Call to Order

M. Trimmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited.

C. Business

1. Discussion and vote on the minutes of April 4, 2019

A. Cullion moved to accept the meeting minutes of April 4, 2019. R. Woodmansee seconded. Vote. M. Trimmer- aye, R. Woodmansee- aye, E. Liese- aye, E. Johnson-aye, A. Cullion- aye, D. McGinity-aye

2. Discussion on questions and procedure of the committee regarding the potential partnership of the YMCA

E. Liese suggested M. Trimmer and R. Woodmasee do the speaking on behalf of the group.

Discussion ensued on procedure.

A. Cullion stated that was already determined who would speak and questions to ask were due by the 12th.

E. Johnson explained the change of D. McGinity and R. Millar, however we need to remain unified in the conversations.

E. Liese agreed.

R. Woodmansee stated we need to plan and decide what is important to the residents to advocate with the YMCA.



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The following items were determined as important: pool in phase I, senior center with separate entrance, maintenance of building, kitchen, town representation during the planning and building, parking, water usage, redemption and outdoor pavilion, lease option only not ownership.

H. Bowen arrived at 6:19 P.M.

Discussion ensued on leasing the land vs gift.

M. Trimmer discussed the feasibility.

E. Johnson discussed separate buildings and resources.

A. Cullion discussed parking.

M. Trimmer suggested a parking garage.

D. McGinity stated we need a separate building.

A. Cullion stated if we do this on our own we are looking at 5 million.

Discussion ensued on senior center.

M. Trimmer stated of course everyone wants their own club house, however we need to do what is best for all the residents.

E. Johnson stated our purpose is to gather as much information to present to the tax payers.

R. Millar stated concern with land and parking.

E. Liese remarked on the importance of this potential partnership.

R. Millar reviewed size the seniors would need.

Discussion ensued on layout.



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M. Evanco resident stated we need a pool on day one.

B. Polio resident stated we need a separate wall.

B. Olean resident discussed the importance of kids with the elderly.

R. Millar stated the uses should be separate.

L. Rello resident was in favor of the potential partnership.

M. Franco resident advised on the opportunities of the members to offset costs and insurance benefits by joining the YMCA.

R. Nassay resident and Councilman stated we need to be cooperative and to shoot for the stars.

E. Liese stated we need to remember the economic development of the YMCA and remain positive.

3. Discussion with Maureen Fitzgerald, President & CEO of Ocean Community YMCA regarding potential partnership

Maureen Fitzgerald and Karen Allen from the Ocean Community YMCA arrived at 6:30 P.M.

R. Woodmansee welcomed the guests from the YMCA. She further stated she like the YMCA to discuss what they would like to see as a potential partnership and benefit to Richmond residents.

M. Fitzgerald stated they would like to build a state of the art ground up facility with a 25-30,000 square foot wellness center with pool development in phase II with parking for 150. She further explained financing options available, staff training and stated they do not want to compete with what the town would be doing. She discussed the 5-acre parcel as an ideal location.

Discussion ensued on the YMCA facilities.



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R. Woodmansee reviewed the items needed from Richmond as follows: pool in phase I, senior center with separate entrance, maintenance of building, kitchen, town representation during the planning and building, parking, water usage, redemption and outdoor pavilion, lease option only not ownership.

M. Trimmer discussed the importance of pool.

A. Cullion questioned who the architect and construction firm would be. M. Fitzgerald advised it was D. Azino with A-Z Corporation.

M. Fitzgerald discussed the need to have an environmental study.

R. Woodmansee discussed the importance of having an outdoor pavilion space for summer concerts similar to West Greenwich.

M. Fitzgerald discussed the arrangement in Mystic with playground.

E. Liese discussed the importance of retaining ownership of the five-acre parcel.

Discussion ensued on pool.

D. McGinity questioned if the 5 acres of land included space for pool. M. Fitzgerald stated the space would be adequate for a pool.

Discussion ensued on square footage needs.

R. Woodmansee questioned timeframe. M. Fitzgerald stated 2 years to raise the 3 million and 6-8 months to build, if the town did the water and geo study, but they like to get started right away.

Discussion ensued on funding.

Discussion ensued on senior membership and separate space.

K. Allen discussed the programs offered to seniors at the YMCA and they would provide an age demographic to the committee.



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Discussion ensued on Champlin funding.

R. Millar questioned the YMCA on what other land they were looking at. M. Fitzgerald stated they were looking at all options and opportunities. She also advised they are in semi negotiations currently.

R. Millar stated the seniors will need 10,000- 12,000 square feet plus parking.

R. Nassay questioned how much space was in the current facility. They advised 3,000.

Discussion ensued on senior space needs.

M. Fitzgerald stated she would go back to YMCA and discuss the Sr. Center regarding space.

M. Fitzgerald and K. Allen departed at 7:48 P.M.

4. Discussion on results of the questionnaire for residents & organizations

R. Woodmansee stated she would resend the report with updated information with senior data implemented.

5. Discussion on potential community needs regarding space and use

R. Millar and D. McGinity discussed their proposed space assessment.

6. Discussion on potential funding sources

Discussion ensued on funding and resources from the town with the current budget information.

D. McGinity departed at 8:08 P.M.

R. Nassay discussed ground floor for seniors and upper floor for YMCA.

E. Johnson remarked on J. Demars statement that the YMCA is an economic driver.



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M. Reynolds, resident stated efficiency is key with shared space and to collaborate on debt service, maintenance and utilities.

Discussion ensued on water availability.

7. Discussion and vote on site visit and meeting dates

E. Liese suggested she would consolidate the minutes into a report format but would need few weeks to do so.

Discussion ensued on dates.

It was determined the committee would meet on May 16th at 6 P.M. and cancel the proposed May 2nd meeting.

D Adjournment

A. Cullion moved to adjourn 8:27 P.M. E. Johnson seconded.

VOTED: Trimmer – aye, Woodmansee - aye, Liese- aye, Johnson - aye, Millar– aye, Cullion- aye, Bowen-aye

ATTEST:

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
SECRETARY**