



WHITEFISH FUTURE CITY HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

**MEETING OF Wednesday, December 11, 2013 8:30 A.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 402 East 2nd Street**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) 8:30 - MOSAIC ARCHITECTURE PRESENTATION & INTERVIEW
- 3) 10:15 - MMW ARCHITECTS PRESENTATION & INTERVIEW
- 4) 1:00 - CTA ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS PRESENTATION & INTERVIEW
- 5) 2:45 - OZ ARCHITECTS/JOHN CONSTENIUS PRESENTATION & INTERVIEW
- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING
- 7) COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (limit 3 min. per person)
- 8) SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING(S)
- 9) ADJOURNMENT

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2013 9:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.
402 E. 2ND STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Baccaro called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Members present were John Muhlfeld, Mike Jenson, City Manager Stearns, Ross Anderson, Ian Collins, George Gardner, Wendy Compton-Ring and Vanice Woodbeck. Members not present were Phil Mitchell, Necile Lorang, Toby Scott, Robert Blickenstaff and Marcus Duffy. In the audience was Richard Hildner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Manager Stearns said on the 2nd page last sentence "The committee felt that ½ for their" should read ½ hour for their.

City Manager Stearns made a motion, 2nd by John, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM ARCHITECTS AND PROVIDE ANSWERS

The only question submitted from an architectural firm by the November 8th deadline was submitted by Dennis Greeno of OZ Architecture in Missoula. Their questions were:

1. What is your favorite Whitefish building and/or architectural feature?
2. Does this building or feature embody the spirit that the new City Hall / Parking Structure should capture?

The Committee Members responses are below:

Chair Sherri Baccaro:

1. The American Bank building, the old City Hall building (underneath the façade), and the look of the new Casey's Bar building. Brick stands the test of time.
2. Yes

Toby Scott:

As a stand-alone structure; the Library, Whitefish Credit Union and the Wave buildings. Feature, the wood and stone work. The Lodge at Whitefish Lake is nice for a very large structure.

1. Yes, these features should be a part of the structure and look of the building.

Try to incorporate the older western/hand hewn look along with a slightly contemporary look. The refacing of the Sportsman is a good example of this style. The Piney Creek (Coaches Corner) and Brewery buildings are too contemporary and industrial looking.

As part of an overall "look", I also like that of the diverse retail storefronts along Central Avenue. Perhaps not so many, but along that concept of "breaking up the massing".

Necile Lorang:

1. American Bank and Glacier Sotheby's Real Estate buildings and Clock Tower - Brick, stone & big windows. Casey's building is nice too with the large stones.
2. Yes - I think a combination of features is striking.

Wendy Compton-Ring:

1. Duncan-Samson Building (SE corner of Lupfer and 2nd Street) and the Masonic Lodge (across 2nd from Duncan-Samson building). Nice brick buildings.
2. Yes

Mayor John Muhlfeld:

1. Especially the Old City Hall; also the WAVE (recreation center) and Casey's Bar.
2. Yes – especially large windows

Mike Jenson (former Mayor):

1. Old City Hall
2. Yes, it is a mistake to hide structures behind fake facades. Don't hide parking structure behind a fake façade, but maybe consider patterned concrete as an option.

Chuck Stearns:

1. Central School and old City Hall.
2. Yes, especially the archway entrance in the old City Hall building.

Ross Anderson:

1. Train Depot
2. Emulating the train depot for City Hall would not be appropriate.

Ian Collins:

1. Likes the brewery, but again, it is not appropriate for a civic institution building. The Emergency Services Center does not have a civic look.
2. No bad hiding of a parking structure – needs to have an authentic look.

George Gardner

1. The Library, 1st Interstate Bank, Whitefish Credit Union, new Food Bank building – they reflect the NW vernacular. Whitefish is a logging town and building should reflect that.
2. Yes.

Bob Blickenstaff:

1. 1st Interstate Bank building
2. Yes.

DISCUSS & CREATE QUESTIONS FOR ARCHITECT INTERVIEWS

City Manager Stearns had some draft questions that he passed out to everyone to look over and see if they wanted to add or take any questions off. The committee went through the questions and removed some and City Manager Stearns will redo the questions and have them ready for the interviews on December 11th.

DISCUSS TIMES FOR PRESENTATIONS

The committee drew names for which time slot the architects would receive for the interviews:

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.- Moziac

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.- MMW

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.- CTA

2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.- OZ

DISCUSS PUBLICITY FOR PRESENTATIONS

The committee went over the flyer that the City Manager had drafted and they removed a picture and changed some of the writing. The City Manager said he would send it to his e-mail list, put it on the website, in the paper and have flyer made up. The committee felt it might help to have a letter written from the committee to the community about the process of what they have been doing. Chairman Baccaro said she would write a letter for the paper.

OTHER BUSINESS-None.

COMMUNICATIONS FORM THE PUBLIC-None.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be for interviews which will be December 11, 2013 at 8:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.