



WHITEFISH FUTURE CITY HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

**MEETING OF Thursday, August 21, 2014 2:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 402 East 2nd Street**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (August 13, 2014)
- 3) DISCUSS PREVIOUS CONCEPT PLAN
 - Summary of comments from Committee
 - Discuss Whitefish Rising Statue in entry
- 4) PRESENTATION BY MOSAIC ARCHITECTURE
 - Present revised concept plan
- 5) DISCUSS REVISED CONCEPT PLAN AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION(S)
- 6) DISCUSS LEED WORKSHOP
- 7) COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (limit 3 min. per person)
- 8) SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING(S)
- 9) ADJOURNMENT

**WHITEFISH FUTURE CITY HALL STEERING COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Sherri Baccaro called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Members present were George Gardner, Ian Collins, Necile Lorang, John Muhlfeld, Richard Hildner, Wendy Compton-Ring, Robert Blickenstaff, Ross Anderson, City Manager Chuck Stearns and Vanice Woodbeck. Representing Mosaic were Ben Tintinger and Mark Ophus. In the audience were Heidi from the Pilot, Rhonda Fitzgerald and John Kramer. Members absent were Toby Scott, Marcus Duffey and Mike Jenson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (August 13, 2014)

Ross Anderson made a motion, seconded by Wendy Compton-Ring, to approve the June 19, 2014 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

The public comment was moved to after the presentation by Mosaic Architecture.

PRESENTATION BY MOSAIC ARCHITECTURE

Summary of study road trip to Seattle: Ben Tintinger showed pictures of the 4 different City Halls that the group went and looked at. The group saw some pros and cons at each facility. Some of which were not enough storage, the design of a workspace/desk for the council, lobby areas, staff setup and how citizens would be entering City Hall.

Summary of design plan and public meetings: Ben said they have brought down the square footage for the departments; they will be having a small and large conference room on each floor. They could also have fewer walls which would be more floor space for staff.

Present concept plan: Ben Tintinger and Mark Ophus each gave a scheme on the layout of a new City Hall. Ben presented scheme 1 which has the lobby area in the middle of 1st floor with Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Planning and Building on the 1st floor. There would be a receptionist desk, a small and large conference room, public restrooms, mechanical and IT room. On the 2nd floor would be Administration, Legal and the Council Chambers. There would also be 2 conference rooms with a break room/community room. The storage would be in the basement.

Mark Ophus presented scheme 2 which had the same departments on the 1st and 2nd floors. This scheme had the lobby at the west side of the building. Behind the lobby would be the office space for the departments which would consist of an open space in the middle with individual cubicles and the outside could have moveable walls to make the size of space they would need for enclosed offices. There would also be public restrooms, janitor's closet, IT and

mechanical rooms on the 1st floor. On scheme 2 he also showed where there could be some underground parking that could be used for employees.

DISCUSS CONCEPT PLAN AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Ben Tintinger said they would like the committee to let them know what scheme they like best, if they want the building 3 stories and if they want the floors into city hall and the parking structure to line up. The committee felt 3 stories would be good as it would give more space, future growth area and the city hall and parking structure does not need to line up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhonda Fitzgerald said she would like to see a traditional building and make sure it is efficient and comfortable for the public. She also said the west wall needs to be straight and not angled and built to the sidewalk, the Downtown Master Plan shows no big landscaping, no angled roofs. Also brick on the outside like most of the building downtown. They need public restrooms, community room on the 3rd floor, no parking in the basement because of ventilation and she sees no problem with the floors of city hall and the parking structure not being level.

John Kramer handed out photos of current and old building in the downtown area. John also handed out a letter on which he touched on:

- It is essential that both principal corners of the building have an active, vibrant edge.
- Hopefully it is not necessary to have a parking entry and exit on Baker Avenue.
- Everyone needs to ask themselves what type of exterior design best fits into the current historical downtown architecture.
- Most of the residents simply feel more comfortable with a timeless, historic design that will age well for decades to come.

The committee liked some of each of the schemes. Ben said they can redo them and send them to the committee with the suggestions that they have received today. He thought it would be good if the committee could meet again before the public meeting on August 21st to just have one concept to take to the public meeting.

DISCUSS LEED WORKSHOP

This subject will be discussed at the next meeting.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set up on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.