

**WHITEFISH FUTURE CITY HALL STEERING COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Sherri Baccaro called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Ross Anderson, Robert Blickenstaff, Ian Collins, John Muhlfeld, Wendy Compton-Ring, Richard Hildner, Chuck Stearns, George Gardner, Mike Jenson and Vanice Woodbeck. Members not present were Toby Scott, Necile Lorang and Marcus Duffy. Representing Mosaic were Ben Tintinger and Mark Ophus. In the audience were Rhonda Fitzgerald, Bob Chambers, John Kramer, Chris Schustrom, Rose Elliott and John Wilson.

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

City Manager Chuck Stearns made a motion, seconded by Wendy Compton-Ring, to approve the August 13, 2014 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

John Muhlfeld said he would like to add to the agenda to talk about attendance records of the committee and would like Mosaic to do an over view of the 1st Phase.

DISCUSS PREVIOUS CONCEPT PLAN

Summary of comments from Committee

Discuss Whitefish Rising Statue in entry: The committee feels if the statue can work into the new City Hall design that would be ok but if not just leave it where it is at.

PRESENTATION BY MOSAIC ARCHITECTURE

Present revised concept plan: Ben said at this stage they are working backwards. What they are showing is not the final designs as they are not at the level of design yet. Ben said after they have decided where the lobby and departments will be going then they would do a schematic design then the model with the parking structure.

Ben showed the first two schemes along with a 3rd scheme they had come up with from the last meeting. The 1st scheme has the lobby in the middle, council chambers on the 2nd floor and the department will have a clear division from each other. The 2nd scheme shows the lobby on the west end of the building, council chambers on the 2nd floor, departments are largely integrated with one another and the statue as being in the corner of the lobby. The 3rd scheme has the lobby in the center on all 3 levels, Council Chambers on the 1st floor; the departments would have clear divisions from each other.

DISCUSS REVISED CONCEPT PLAN AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION(S)

After the presentation the committee decided on a 6 to 3 vote to go with scheme #1 with Mosaic opening up the lobby area more and have a more active edge. The committee would like to see a lot of light coming into the building.

Ben said they would rework Scheme #1 and get it back to committee before their next meeting.

DISCUSS LEED WORKSHOP

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rhonda Fitzgerald said she would like to see more landscaping on the inside, better active edge, Council Chambers on the 2nd floor and make the restrooms more accessible to the public (put toward entry on E. 2nd Street).

Rose Elliott, Utility Services Supervisor for the Water Department, said she wanted to point out that her department is a very busy office and they have a lot of public and employees in and out of their office all day plus being on the phones. She feels this is a lot of noise for other departments if they were all in one space instead of having some space between them.

John Wilson, Public Works Director, said he would like to have natural light and good air circulation, feels the elevator and stairs need to be more centrally located and would like to see the departments separated.

John Kramer handed out photos of different buildings and how the Middle School has an open stairway with lots of light and they need to make it more of an historic building.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING(S)

Sherri said she would get ahold of Marcus Duffy about attending the meetings and John Muhlfeld said he would talk to Mike Jenson as he has already left the meeting.

The next meeting will be on September 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.