

Maple Grove joint City Council / Park Board work session

Meeting minutes

September 5, 2023

Call to order

Pursuant to call and notice thereof, a joint City Council / Park Board work session was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at the Maple Grove Government Center/Public Safety Facility, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Present was Mayor Mark Steffenson, and Councilmembers Judy Hanson, Kristy Barnett, Kristy Janigo, and Rachelle Johnson and Park Board members Bill Lewis (Chair), John Ferm (Vice Chair), Andy Mielke, Deb Syhre, Ken Helvey, Kelly Cunningham, and Krista Kuhnly. Absent was none. Present also was City Administrator Heidi Nelson, Finance Director Greg Sticha, Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Stifter, Community Center Manager Angie Dehn, and Community and Economic Development Director Joe Hogeboom.

Mayor Steffenson called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Village Hall status and next steps

Community and Economic Development Director Hogeboom stated that the Maple Grove Village Hall, located at 9401 Fernbrook Lane, was damaged by fire as a result of arson in October 2022. With direction from City Council, staff worked with architectural firm Miller Dunwiddie to learn more about the status of the structure. Community and Economic Development Director Hogeboom then introduced Miller Dunwiddie architect Melissa Ekman and asked her to provide the City Council with her findings.

Ms. Ekman advised that based on the evaluation of the Village Hall structure, there were three scenarios being presented for consideration by the Council and Park Board. She also provided preliminary costs associated with each. She then explained that option one would be to restore the structure and enhance it to an historically-appropriate finish. The second option was to restore the structure to basic pre-fire conditions. The third option was to deconstruct the structure.

Ms. Ekman provided in detail the history of the building and precedence research that was completed by the firm to better understand the types of materials that would be the best options for restoration. She provided information on the estimated timeline to complete next steps.

Discussion continued regarding possible uses for the building, insurance funding, and the City Council and Park Board offered comments and feedback regarding the three options that were presented. The consensus was for the City Council to make a decision regarding the Village Hall at a future meeting.

Community Center renovation and expansion project update

Parks and Recreation Director Stifter introduced consulting architect Adam Barnett with JLG Architects and asked him to provide a Community Center renovation and expansion project update.

Adam Barnett presented a summary of the work in progress, the project timeline, and he reviewed the preliminary schematic plans for the arena and building design concept. Brad Barrickman, RJM Construction, discussed the budget and provided current estimates based on a phased construction and outlined costs for Phase 1, Phases 2 and 3, and the total project budget summary.

Parks and Recreation Director Stifter discussed on going discussions with OMGHA and ISD 279 regarding their contributions to the project.

Discussion ensued regarding parking, the possible purchase of Life Time, funding, and design elements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Steffenson at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Nelson
City Administrator