

Senior Center Expansion on Audubon Hill

Minutes, August 18

Present: Mike Gowing, Mary Ann Angle, Heather Harer, Ann Chang. Absent Tom Reagan

There was no public

The minutes from the last meeting were not available---Joan Gardner has resigned

The committee voted to meet the third Monday of the month at 1- 2:30 PM. The next meeting is 09/22/08

Steering Committee Update

Study Groups have been split into three:

- Expansion at the present site;
- Leasing a site
- and a new building

All of these options are to be fleshed out for a public meeting in January to prepare for ATM in April.

The leasing option started with 12 and was reduced to two: Discovery Way & the old Beacon building on Main Street. The costs for leasing would be in the range of \$250 k/year. The leasing is flexible in the way that the internal spaced could be configured.

The price might be made lower after true negotiations start,

The Audubon Hill expansion would take the present 5,200 square feet to 7,600 square feet. Bruce Stamski did an engineering sketch of possible parking spaces & got the number up to 86. This is without using the extra space that the Audubon Hill people said could be available. The estimated costs for AH including the landscaping is \$350-\$450K. The site prep will be extensive & will require the space to be closed during construction---renting a place during construction is another expense.

How shall we proceed:

Mike will be visiting with architect Ann Sussman for a walk through the present site. He will also ask if the proposed expansion wings “make sense”

Next Steps

Take the idea of changing the entrance back to the COA people

Do more planning with the Senior Center staff to get a better idea of what is needed separated from what is wanted.

We have to look at defined spaces, not forgetting the need for janitorial services.

Next Meeting is September 22nd 1 pm in Town Hall

Ann Chang