

CITY OF TIOGA

Tioga Community Center Expansion Committee Meeting

Unofficial Minutes

Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

A meeting of the Tioga Community Center Expansion Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023 at the Tioga Community Center.

PRESENT: Haley Felber, Cristin Bohlman, Wendy Lenzen, Ben Johnson, Randi Raan, Jeremy Wallin, Scott Hayes, Pat Alberts, Joel Shaffett, Roxy Uhlich, Kelci Hanson, Shelby Davis and Shawn Travis

ABSENT: Sandy Clark, Nathan Germundson, Wayne Knutson and Robert Harms

Discussion Topics:

- 1) Everyone who was present introduced themselves and shared why they were excited to be on the committee.
- 2) Purpose of an Expansion + Time Frame
Haley Felber explained the initial reasoning behind an expansion: the existing building layout and functionality are not conducive to the events and activities that take place inside. She also made clear that both the floor plan and loan have been approved; the square footage is pretty set-in stone, as that is what's covered with the loan amount that was approved. While some areas in the expansion are essential to correct our day-to-day issues, other areas we can be somewhat flexible with. The time frame to complete a floor plan was also shared. The committee has until early November to finalize the interior floor plan so that it can go out to bid to start the project.
- 3) Suggestions
Members went around the table sharing their ideas and input on what the new facility could house and what could be taken out or tweaked. Suggestions that were mentioned were: Second as a shelter space if the town loses power, add a small seating space in the golf simulator room, drop-down batting cages in the gym, turf room in or near the gym (with windows for visibility), gym wood floor covering to protect the floor (Rolled out carpet or wrestling-style mat instead of carpet squares), be able to hold more/bigger events, larger walking track, making the existing great room bigger to be the primary event space.
- 4) Areas that need further discussion
 - Should the new gym be used primarily for athletics or be multi-function (athletics + events)?
 - Do we need 1,200 seats or can we cut some out?
 - Would tournaments ever happen here?
 - Do we need bigger locker rooms/more showers?
 - Is the concessions area big enough?
 - Is wood flooring the only option for the new gym?
 - How many events take place per year in the existing facility?
 - Would the city be comfortable letting the school use the gym as a primary practice space M-F from 3:30-6:30ish
 - Can we go over each new room's purpose and decide if it's worth keeping?
 - What is the size of the Williston Arc's turf room?

5) Questions to be answered by the architects

- What would the cost of a dome (like Minot's) look like? (Liability insurance in mind)
- What is the current price per square foot?
- What is the cost of just the wood flooring?
- What is the cost of just the bleachers?

6) Meeting Times

It was brought up that Wednesdays from 5-7 pm work well. Haley mentioned that because our architects (EAPC) and contractors (FCI) are vital for the design process, it would be more suitable to work within the typical parameters of the working day. Haley asked if Wednesdays from 4-6 pm would work if attending virtually was an option; most said yes. Haley is to speak with the commissioners for an official motion regarding virtual attendance.

With no further business, the meeting of the Tioga Community Center Expansion Committee was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Haley Felber, Tioga Community Center Director