

Hames PE Center Task Force Meeting
Sitka Fire Hall
November 6, 2007
12:00 pm – 2:00 am

Minutes

Present: Kayla Boettcher, Chair; Fred Knowles; Gretchen Clarke; Megan Pasternak; Sherry Tuttle; Ann Strain; Joe Castro; Bob Medinger; John Stein; Gary McCarty; Thad Poulson; Lisa Busch; Grace Brooks; Paul Columb; Chris Horan; Lynn McGowan; Keith Perkins; Merlaine Kruse; Chad Padgett; Judy Ozment; Cindy Edwards; Dennis McMillan

Dennis McMillan reviewed some the information from the Monday's meeting at Sweetland Hall.

Discussed The differences between Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy and again stated the Board of Trustees wants very much to avoid bankruptcy.

The Trustees would like to maintain the core campus, but that has yet to be defined. There needs to be some re-zoning for them to sell off properties to alleviate their current \$8 million debt.

Dennis advised that we speak with the Trustees when there are questions. He said that Chilkat Services is there to manage the buildings and day to day operations with the buildings.; to rent properties and do maintenance. They do not have the authority to negotiate the lease for Hames.

Dennis talked about the lenses of sustainability and something for us think about in terms of sustaining the Hames PE.

Non-profits in Alaska receive about 57% of their budgets from government funding and that is shifting. Government dollars will not be as available as they have been. Nationally non-profits rely on government funding for 35% of their budgets.

He indicated that donations made to the City would not be tax deductible. Discussed the challenges to becoming a non-profit and suggested we look at other places organizations, such as the Alaska Community Foundation, to funnel donations for Hames.

Dennis mentioned that the SJ Day Care Center has developed a management plan with SJ rather than a lease.

Chad, from Rural Development indicated they would have money available, in the form of a loan, for some of the deferred maintenance.

The group continued to meet after Dennis left.

Cindy Edwards agreed to ask Lolly for a copy of their management agreement.

An item to consider with the lease is who is the point of contact if terms of the lease are not being honored.

John Stein agreed to send a copy of the lease agreement to all, however it is not for us to see. There was discussion about whether or not to include an option to buy clause in the lease. **It was decided that those of us who agreed to meet with Assembly Members should ask them if it would be important for them to see language pertaining to option to buy in the lease.**

Hames has already been platted and it would be easy to pull it out from SJ.

The SJ Board of Trustees meets next Tuesday, the 13th. **Lisa agreed to call Rob to make a point of contact. John Stein was to call Dr. Dobler about meeting with the Trustees. Kayla will attend the meeting as our representative.**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at noon at the
Sitka Fire Department**

**Need to have drafts of Assembly packet items
ready to review!!!**

**Please contact your assembly member before then
as well.**