

MINUTES

Building/Grounds Meeting

Henika District Library

August 7, 2024, at 12:33 by Fryling

A. Members Present: Meghan Augustin, Tami Fryling

B. Members Absent: Gary Marsh

C. Staff Present: Cierra Bakovka – Director

D. Guests: Mike Meyer from Triangle

II. Approval of Agenda: motioned by Fryling, seconded by Augustin. Changes noted. All yes, motion passed.

III. Community Opportunity to Address the Committee: No one present.

IV. Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes: motioned by Fryling, seconded by Augustin. All yes, motion passed.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Grant Opportunities

1. Facade Grant: All information has been submitted.

Question went to Historical Society for approval. They mentioned changing the curved window on the original front be changed back to a 9/1 pane (as this was the original style) when we change the window. To be considered once the Grant has been obtained.

B. Expansion project Update:

1. Option to change the State Historical Status is not tied to the National Historical Status. The National one is less restrictive on new building requirements.

2. Considerations for expansion plans: Original building to become a reading room along with local history information/display.

Ramp access, storage space, bathroom update being discussed for the 1960's addition. More to follow once USDA loan has been approved. Discussion led to decision to have an architectural drawing by Triangle to be able to better visualize the options.

C. Building/Grounds Walkthrough results: tabled until next meeting as priorities need to be designed and quorum is not present.

D. Air-conditioning/heating. Currently there is a set for the original building as well as a set for the 1960's addition. Discussion about replacing both sets or either set led to the decision to have Director get quotes (3) for committee to be able to make a decision.

VI. New Business:

A. Survey results on Historical Status:

- a. The survey had 103 responses. 78% in agreement to remove historic designation, 16.5% to keep the designation, 5% undecided.
- b. An In-person Town Hall meeting is still being considered. Option discussed whether to have this decided at next B/G meeting (as quorum is not present at this time) vs bringing to Board at large for a decision. May want to use October/125-year anniversary to announce a Town Hall along with posting on our Newsletter/Website. Per Mike (Triangle), a drawing could be ready by October.
- c. Financing:
 - i. Millage: Available 4 times per year (February, May, August, November). Need to make decision on which milage to strive for. Again, does this need to go to the Board at large?
- d. ACTION: Take questions about Historical status and whether to have a conceptual drawing done by Triangle to Board at Large at next week's meeting. Director will get 3 quotes with assistance from Triangle,

i. Mike/Triangle to start process.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Proposed for September 11th at 1:00pm.

VII. Around the Table

Gary: not present

Meghan: nothing else to add.

Tami: Excited to see decision process moving forward.

Cierra: Excited to have movement on process of new building.

Encouraged to get new A/C/Furnace process started. Excited to celebrate the 125th Anniversary in October.

V. Adjournment: Motioned by Fryling, second by Augustin. Adjourned at 1:35pm.