

XENIA CARNEGIE LIBRARY REIMAGINATION

Minutes of Meeting #1 (of 3)

April 27, 2017

1:30-3:30 PM

Xenia Community Library, Henry Hudson Room

1:30 – 1:35 Mary Crockett welcomed everyone in the room. Crockett introduced Mayor Marsha Bayless who welcomed everyone, and gave her history of relationship with the Carnegie in her neighborhood, including a story about her grandfather who worked for years at the Carnegie Library.

1:35 1:50- The Mayor introduced Carnegie Champions Josephine Reno and Barbara Bradfute who presented their background of involvement in the Carnegie, and why it was so important to them. Josephine Reno read a letter from Dalida Wickman, who had lived in the Carnegie Library in the 1980s. The Carnegie Champions ended their shared presentation by asking the attendees to try to guess what usage the two of them wanted for the Carnegie. (Winners to get chocolate treats provided by Heritage Architectural!)

1:50- 2:15 - Mary Crockett introduced Steven Avdakov, Principal for Heritage Architectural Associates, who gave a review of the Historic Structures Report. (A video of the February presentation by Mr. Avdakov to Xenia City Council of the HSR is available on the explorexenia.com website on the Community Development Library page.) The group asked questions briefly after Mr. Avdakov's presentation.

2:15-2:30 - Crockett and Reno led the group in a discussion regarding what the group would like to see in the Carnegie. They captured a number of ideas on flip charts. Several of the residents expressed concern about some uses that they felt, as residents, would not be appropriate and would possibly create a disturbance to the surrounding residences. Concerns about lack of parking, or a greatly increased need for parking were expressed. Crockett thanked the respondents, but explained that this meeting is strictly for an open brainstorm of potential usages of the Carnegie -- there are no "wrong" answers at this point. We will use future meetings to narrow down those usages to 3 final suggestions that the Architect will be charged with further developing. The architect will take the top 3 usages and provide preliminary concepts with drawings, preliminary funding sources, and probable costs for the suggested end usages.

There were questions about zoning, about ability for owner to demolish the building, and other items.

Crockett explained that this part of the process is about brainstorming the best possible end uses for the building, and about determining what were the most important guiding principals that the group felt were important in ANY reuse of the structure.

Meeting #1 NOTES FROM FLIPCHART -Xenia Carnegie Library Usage Idea's Generated:

- Children's Museum
- Experiential destinations are what people want today!
- Bicycle Stop
- Tornado Museum
- Toy Library
- History Museum
- Music, art, dance, gardening, food prep place
- H-D Museum
- It-D Museum
- Residence -- single family home
- Open to Greene county (free to the people) as library
- Library Museum (a library museum)
- Children's library
- Law Library
- Children Garden
- Maker's Space
- Hands on
- Branch of public offices - law
- Childrens Museum -
- Art Gallery
- Open to the Public
- Emporium - Café
- Incubator
- Technology Start up
- Event Center (weddings, meetings, etc.)

Overriding Principles Briefly discussed. Some were that any redevelopment be:

- appropriate to neighborhood residential/commercial
- fit scale, structure of surrounding residences/buildings
- emit a Noise level that is reasonable
- consider uses that would provide experiential/active uses as a destination (not static).
- Follow X-Plan.
- open to the public as per the original intent of the building etched onto the building.
- follow the Secretary of the Interior guidelines for historic structures.
- be sustainable for a future generation.

Someone asked: Can we ask the owner, Greene County - "what do they want to see here?" A Greene Room? Archives? " Unfortunately, no one from the County Administration was able to attend.

2:30-3:30 The first portion of the meeting was adjourned, everyone reminded to sign the release form if they wanted to walk through the structure. Ryan Ireland checked people at the door for signatures. At 2:30 a group that had signed for a waiver of the tour walked over to the Carnegie Library at 194 E. Main Street. The group came up with ideas and suggestions for usage of the building as part of the "I wish this was _____" campaign, with materials provided by the Greene County Library Makers' Space. Signing of waivers for tour; hand to Josie at door (Josie)

Steve Avdakov gave a brief description of the first floor only as they walked up the front steps into the rotunda and viewing skylight, Roman numerals and faux marble columns, mosaic floor tiles, doorway to stacks, and sixteen-light transom at front door).

The building was vacated by 3:45 p.m.

Room Setup – Horseshoe shaped tables, speakers at center, whiteboard or butcher paper with easel and markers; post-its/pens for idea writing; sign-in sheet with name/email/phone number

Next Steps: While the next meeting was originally set for June 8, 2017 from 1-3 at the 2nd floor conference room of the library, several asked that the second meeting be held at night to accommodate persons who worked during the day.

NOTE: NEW MEETING PLACE, TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, June 21st at 6:30 at the Xenia City Council Chambers, 107 E. Main Street, 2nd floor.