

Youth Center Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. Brooks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

Attendees: Mr. Brooks, Ms. Bartlett, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Geofrian

Approved meeting minutes from November 18, 2019. Motion passed, voice vote (4-0)

Mr. Brooks opened the meeting and gave a civility reminder to all members. He asked the group to discuss the pros and cons of each of the two options that were remaining.

First and Second Street Property Purchases

Jim provided a map of possible locations.

- Corner lots have set back issues
- Remaining properties require two purchases next to each other due to other (manageable) set back issues
- Purple line is historic district
- Any new construction must fit neighborhood. Similar look to a large 1 story home most likely
- No metal building would meet code requirements

Pros and cons:

- Being close to the middle school is a high priority for the city
- Accessibility for traffic: Jim feels like it is a concern wherever we are in the area
- Negative: Cost to buy and move the homes is high
- Second Street is a good location especially for TRIS students. Students currently travel that way now
 - Easy to find
 - Close to both schools (TRIS and JC McKenna)
- Familiarity with the area
- Would require buying two properties
- Negative to choose properties between other properties if Second Street were chosen (Either use the two properties on the North end or the two on the South end rather than two in the middle)
- Two properties would be taken off of the tax bill
- Close to the Middle School and able to use the property for recreation

Middle School Site

- All the positives of the adjacent properties
- Location and familiarity to students
- Maybe teachers could use the Youth Center if it were nearby
- Working together with the Youth Center and Middle School
- Area for attendees to play
- Downside is that it wasn't planned for during the planning stages of MS building design and it would be squeezed in
- Concern for future if the building were no longer being used by the city once it were built on school property. The district and the city could discuss the possibility of the district being given the right of first refusal.

- Concern in regards to losing the green space for the middle school students to be able to use as play space

Further discussion:

- Fair Street area is convenient for TRIS but further for JC McKenna
- Look into Union Township's interest in the property

Next meeting:

- Review plus and minus of each site and eliminate some possibilities.
- Look at the property directly adjacent to the South of the Middle School property. Mr. Brooks will look into that option for the next meeting.
 - One home purchase instead of two
 - Could share parking area
 - Could also gain some green space for each of the buildings (MS and Youth Center)
- Thursday, January 30 from 6:30-7:30 TBD location

Meeting adjourned by Mr. Brooks at 7:07 pm.

Jim Brooks, Chair

Approved: 1/31/2020