



Minutes From June 26th, 2014
Special Meeting to Discuss a Cherokee Village Information/Welcome Center

Members Present: Mike Chandler, Thomas Dunlap, Barb Hawbaker, Chuck Kristopeit, George Harris, and Lynn Maxedon. Not Present: Scott Paul, Carmen Evance
There was an estimated 60 people in the audience from the Senior Center.

Chuck Kristopeit opened the meeting at 1:05 pm. He explained to the audience that the plan to use the entry way of the Senior Center (SC) as an Information/Welcome Center (I/WC) was canceled. The P&P didn't ever intend to displace the SC. The meeting would instead focus on taking input from the audience regarding an I/WC and ideas to improve the city.

Chuck Grandpre asked why cancel the plan. The city needs all the things proposed to use that space- Welcome Center, Library, Historical Center, etc. Discussion followed.

Diane, manager of the SC, explained the entry way space was being used for tax preparation, waiting area, food cart parking and a coat rack. They thank the P&P for canceling the plan to put an I/WC there. Discussion followed.

Marilyn Bishop said the I/WC should be in a vacant store front which she heard was offered to the city. Chuck responded the offer was for only 3 months and the P&P would be obligated to do some things we could not do so the offer was not workable.

George H. asked how many people would say we don't need an I/WC. 4 or 5 hands went up. Discussion followed.

Chuck K. asked why we aren't still using the Thunderbird Center for a SC. Marilyn B. said it was because the T'bird Center was not handicap accessible and others said the parking was not suitable.

Un-named man asked who would use the SC? He said it should be at the South Entrance. People coming to Town Center would go to a realtor instead of the I/WC. Discussion followed.

Lynn M explained the P&P had been pursuing an I/WC for over 2 years and places researched were empty store front, Village Art Center, Tea House, City Hall entry way and a bank. He asked Barb to tell why the SC attributes make it the best choice for a I/WC.

Barb H explained the intended uses of the I/WC and that she had volunteers to operate it.

It was announced from the audience that Keith Darner would represent the SC on the 60th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Marty Williams asked what we could do to work together with SID. Chuck G. said he attends both city and SID meetings and both ask why citizens aren't more involved in their meetings. He said SID is on a path to be \$1 million in debt by years end, and payroll was not being met. SID needs lots to be sold. Discussion followed.

A lady, Lyn? said while she agreed the SC was not the place for an I/WC, but we need one. She intends to talk to Jonathan Rhodes about using an empty store front. She suggested it could have a gift shop to fund the I/WC. We could sell pine needles, "Butt" T-Shirts, other things. CV should have a mid-westerners club. The SC needs better food. People need to have an attitude to work together, to make it better, and we should pray because there is power in prayer.

Thomas D. said we need an I/WC both on the 4-lane and in Town Center. We need the public officials of the 4 cities working together but we also need all of CV citizens working together. We need a place for people to get info. He cited a recent event that someone stopped him in Town Center and wanted info about CV. Discussion followed.

Janice Crider, NADC, said people notice when a community has a thriving SC. Doubling the size of the SC had been mentioned and agreed. She said thank you for re-considering the plan to put the I/WC in the SC.

Marilyn B. suggested we need to do something with the Bulletin Board outside City Hall; that it was in terrible shape.

Thomas D. said we need things for eye appeal. We need a number of people to be willing to invest in the dead Town Center. There is a problem that investors won't invest because no one else will invest. Discussion followed.

Meeting concluded at approximately 2:25 pm

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 10th. 2014, at 8:05 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn F Maxedon.