

SVR Community Center Task Force
Minutes
May 31, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am at the Town of Star Valley Ranch Town Hall.

Present were: Carol Warren

Kirk Sessions

Kory Wheeler

Mike Blackman

George Toolson

Bob Byam

Alycyn Culbertson

Absent: Ed Koch

Bob Byam

Community Participation: Cheryl and Bob Manning

Bob and Cheryl wanted to address the task force as far as recommendations for the Restaurant and bar/Lounge. The following points were made by the Mannings:

- Bob explained that in his opinion the views from the second floor were not appreciably better than the first floor of the proposed building.
- From a catering view point, the first floor would be much preferable to the second floor
- He also thought that the operator of the restaurant would want a “buy out” if a second party caterer were arranged by someone using the facility
- Bob also said we need to determine if we were going to have a bar like Dad’s or a lounge for the square footage allotment and positioning
- He pointed out that we need to consider security for the entire complex in light of the extended operating times of a bar and restaurant, particularly if they are on the second floor
- He wanted us to also be sure to include added floor strength for walk-in coolers and refrigerators if they are to be on the second floor
- Cheryl pointed out the need for an extra high railing on the balcony to prevent accidental falls
- Bob indicated that he would be available for additional consultation for the design finalization for the restaurant and lounge.

The Mannings were thanked for their willingness to participate and will be consulted in the future.

Kirk said he had set up a meeting with the architects on June 2 at 2 pm at the Barn and Silo location.

Jim Vandel stopped by at the request of Carol Warren to introduce himself as a member of the Town Economic Development Board. Their next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday June 2 in the town hall.

A briefing was then made on the progress of the various groups with their respective assignments for the grant application.

Mike said he was about at a standstill until a survey of the current barn and silo and the land involved is completed. He will check with some local surveyors for the cost of a location plat with lot boundaries. Also, before the letter from the Fire Marshall for the need of a sprinkler system is obtained we will need to have a more firm building layout.

George said he had reviewed the draft Management plan from Alycyn and he would push forward with the negotiations with the SVRA board and the town council and their respective lawyers.

Karen mentioned that she had talked with one of the valley wedding planners as to how many weddings they arrange and said that one or two a month was about all they've done in the past. Alycyn mentioned that, in her talks with Elaina, Elaina said plan on two per week for the months of June, July and August! Karen will contact the Kemmerer community center as to how many they have experienced at their facility.

The question of what we might charge for the use of the facilities for various events was discussed. It was ultimately determined that the SVRA Board would have to create a fee structure. Mike said he would check on what the Women's Christian group was charged for their recent use of the Alpine Civic Center where

they had use of the serving kitchen and large meeting area for about 5 hours with an attendance of 40.

Alycyn then discussed that she was moving forward with initial grant writing along with her other research. Alycyn is currently working on the following:

- getting firmer estimates from the architects for the building heating and lighting costs.
- Confirming with Elaina on what might be “in-kind” contributions such as land and current buildings
- Checking with insurance companies on the cost of insuring the new building
- Checking with the county assessor on what the taxes might be for the new buildings

The group then discussed the marketing plan for the restaurant and lounge and the need to get some early indications from various entities what their interest might be.

The next Official meeting will be Tuesday June 14, 2011 at 9:00 am in the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.