

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

December 4, 2006

City Clerk Claire Lider called the roll. The following were:

- PRESENT:** Mayor John G. Idsinga, Deputy Mayor Sandra Barnes and Councilmembers Reinhold, Regan, Ganley, and Ciraulo.
- ABSENT:** Councilmember Walters.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Dennis Osborn, Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams, Community Development Director Brian Carrico, Parks Advisory Board Chair Tom Schultz and City Clerk Claire Lider.
- PRESS:** None.

Fairgrounds Phase II User Group Meeting: Presentation

Public Works Director / City Engineer Sam Adams said that tonight's meeting was to give an overview of Fairgrounds Park Phase II. He said that staff has met with the user groups of the park site and they began with a tour of area parks to get ideas of what they would like to see in the park. He said that the user groups then met with him one-on-one so that needs could be identified. He said that all the groups met together, which included the Rose Float Committee, 4-H, a member from the Chamber of Commerce, the North County Community Food Bank, the Parks Advisory Board, Old Town Battle Ground Merchants Association, Farmers Market, Battle Ground Art Alliance and the Battle Ground School District. Mr. Adams said that the meeting took about an hour and a half and included all the groups identifying their needs.

Mr. Adams then introduced the team that would be presenting tonight:

- Mauricio Villarreal, Walker Macy
- Bhronwhyn Dean, Walker Macy
- Kyle Emery, SERA Architects
- Tim Richard, SERA Architects
- Bonnie Bruce, SERA Architects

Mr. Mauricio Villarreal reviewed Fairgrounds Phase I which started last year.

Mr. Tim Richard explained that he thought that the user groups were excited during the process and then explained the relationships that the buildings would have with each other.

Ms. Bonnie Bruce told the Council that what is presented on the poster boards tonight is what the other user groups saw. She described the boards and noted that they were divided by outdoor spaces and indoor spaces.

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Mr. Richard gave information on the building that would be the future housing facility for the maintenance worker and groundskeeper. He then reviewed other facilities that were proposed such as the lobby, restrooms, art exhibit area, etc.

Mr. Richard encouraged the Council to give any input that they may have.

He then further reviewed different building's uses, such as the Food Bank needing an unfinished area to sort food. He noted that this room could be used for Rose Float decorating and Farmer's Market activities.

Mr. Villarreal noted the importance of the building being able to be accessed easily from the outside and inside, as far as doors and windows.

Mr. Villarreal said that after tonight, staff would design two alternatives, based on Council's input, and then those alternatives would come back before the Council for further review.

Mr. Richard reviewed some of the materials that would be used for the buildings.

Parks Advisory Board Chair Tom Schultz noted that during the user group meeting, they had also discussed creating a nice, large meeting room. He said it would be something where dinners and meetings could be held for 200 – 300 people.

There was discussion about:

- Parking adequacy.
- Amphitheatre incorporation.
- Potential Christmas tree site.

Mr. Richard noted that right now staff is focusing on the building structures and accommodations.

There was discussion about a large building that could open up to a stage.

There was continued discussion about having a banquet facility that could host a couple hundred people for auctions, receptions, etc.

There was discussion about the level of kitchens that could be added to the facility, such as catering, certified, etc.

Mr. Richard gave a brief overview of the meetings that were held with the Rose Float Committee and 4-H.

There was continued discussion on the use of the "main" building.

Mayor Idsinga presented a sketch of a potential design for the building.

There was continued discussion on the kitchen.

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Councilmember Ganley expressed the need in the community for parks facilities.

Ms. Bruce and Mr. Richard stated that it is important to remember that the building needs to have longevity.

There was discussion about the incorporation of the Rose Float history such as plaques, pictures, etc.

Mr. Schultz said that he was excited to hear that Council was on the same page as the user groups.

Mr. Richard gave an overview of the Farmer's Market component of the park.

Councilmember Reinhold asked if the rose garden were going to be incorporated into the new park.

Mayor Idsinga said that he believed it should be incorporated and could be placed anywhere.

Mr. Richard said that the stakeholder meetings would continue and stated that it would be helpful if selected Councilmembers could attend. He said that there are approximately two or three meetings left.

Mayor Idsinga, Deputy Mayor Barnes and Councilmember Reinhold expressed their interest in attending the meetings.

Mr. Richard said that he would keep Mayor Idsinga, Deputy Mayor Barnes and Councilmember Reinhold apprised of upcoming meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

John G. Idsinga,
Mayor

Claire Lider,
City Clerk

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