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6:00 PM – Regular Community Center Building Committee

Present: Jacquelyn Crafts (alternate), Greg Fyfe, Peter Murray (ex-officio), Bill Olsen, Robert Palmer (ex-officio), and Richard Raimondi

Absent: David Cohen, Adam Gould, Gregory Schwab, and Brianna Scott

Others Present: Lisa MacGlashing (Friends of the York Community Center (FYCC) secretary) and Michael Modern (Chair of Parks & Rec Board and School Committee member)

Call to Order

Chair Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm.

1) **Public Comments**
    a. Olsen opened the floor to public comments;
        i. No public comments had been submitted since the last Community Center Building Committee (CCBC) meeting.
2) **Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2026**
    Raimondi moved that the minutes from the June 11, 2026, meeting of the CCBC be accepted; Fyfe seconded, and the motion passed without objection: Vote: 7-0.
3) **Friends of York Community Center Update**
    a. MacGlashing shared that the 501(c)3 paperwork to renew the FYCC name was submitted to the state 30 days ago, and it's expected to take 40-50 days to be completed. Olsen shared it originally took 65 days.
    b. MacGlashing shared that this summer the FYCC met with the following York non-profit groups – the dog park, York Community Service Association, Old York Historical Society, York Little League, and the

library. The goal of the meetings was to build awareness, generate excitement, and understand their organization's needs.

i. The library has the most concerns due to the influx of middle school aged kids that come unsupervised after school in large groups. There are space constraints, and at times the kids are playing in parking lot and can be disruptive to patrons and staff. The library isn't able to handle all of the kids that show up.
ii. Old York needs space to increase programming including classes and fundraising events. In addition, when the society uses its spaces historical preservation cleaners must be used and the cost is significantly greater than standard cleaners.

c. MacGlashing noted that the overall response has been enthusiastic and all contacted groups are advocates of a community center. They all see the need. Key themes coming out of those meetings include central accessibility, support youth, families, and seniors and multi-purpose program space. They believe a community center will strengthen outreach, expand programing, and build community by having a central hub that connects residents and services.
d. Fyfe discussed seniors who are "shut ins." He noted that the community center and York Community Service Association (YCSA) transportation program would allow for them to be picked up in the morning, go to new center, have breakfast, and stay for morning and socialize. They could also have lunch and stay for afternoon cards before transportation brings them home. He stated that socialization is so important to our health and seniors come to the new facility and get an extended family.
e. Olsen asked how many people are currently participating in the limited meals on wheels program. MacGlashing shared that Lisa at YCSA would have those numbers.

a) Matt Giesling is currently listed as FYCC President on an interim basis. There are no new board of directors' placements since the last meeting. MacGlashing stated that it is important to fill out FYCC board as the president would go with philanthropy strategist to meet with donors and make presentations.

4) Other Items

Other items discussed by CCBC members including the following:

a) Olsen and Palmer asked Modern if there is a School Board Committee update for the school consolidation plan and capital planning. Modern said he did not have an update to share as he is not on the subcommittee that will be presenting to the capital planning committee.
b) Murray's impression is they are working hard on a multi-year plan to present in the fall and it is still unknown if that plan will be for two or three school buildings.
c) Discussion around whether the CCBC anticipate voters will want to know when they vote on the school plan what will happen with the empty buildings. Modern's opinion is the School Committee is responsible for determining and presenting the best educational solution and the Selectboard determines what happens with any vacated buildings.
d) Palmer shared that the last school consolidation presentation did not have enough detail to evaluate and approve to put on ballot. He noted that the School Committee still needs to justify the numbers.
e) Olsen noted that until the CCBC knows what the schools are doing and the project date of when Village Elementary School (VES) and/or Coastal Ridge Elementary School (CRES) may be available, it will continue to be at a standstill. His opinion is a community center have town support if the project had a central asset (such as VES). He is not a proponent of new construction on a new site as he does not think it will get voter approval.
f) Murray said it doesn't help to pursue new sites or other sites before the committee knows what will happen with VES and/or CRES.
g) Palmer believes the committee will have a better sense in the next few months of the schools' plan and anticipate an item on the ballot for May.
h) Olsen stated that the community center project won't attract large donors until a plan is developed. It could hurt the project in the long run to get in front of big donors if without enough information. Modern said FYCC could continue getting people who are willing to support (advocacy, not fundraising) which is what the FYCC has been doing this summer.
i) CCBC to continue to meet quarterly in the meantime.
j) Palmer shared an update on a bond warrant article that will be on the ballot in November. If the article passes, any project that the town does

that creates revenue and is financed with bonds, the town will then need to go through testing to determine if it's a general obligation bond (what we have always done) OR a revenue bond. For example, revenue bonds are used by turnpikes because of the dedicated stream of income and based on that revenue can pay bond back. The Selectboard unanimously did not approve/support the citizens' initiative for the revenue bond. He stated that a revenue bond would not be the right avenue for a community center because CCBC is not a self-funding project.

k) Crafts inquired about action items from the June meeting. She shared that the communications group did not meet and asked Olsen if he was able to have any follow up conversation with legislators regarding transfer tax. Olsen had not yet had those conversations, but shared that last year Dover, NH made $500k from the transfer tax. Palmer shared that there is a transfer tax bill every local session and it never passes. There is fear that the money would go to the State and not come back to York. Palmer encouraged committee members to talk to Michele Meyer, Gerry Runte and Holly Sargent who are running for state legislative offices.

5) Action Items and Next Meeting Date

The main action items are as follows:

a) Communications group to meet to and update website.
b) Olsen to reach out to Holly Sargent regarding transfer tax legislation.
c) The next regularly scheduled CCBC meeting will be Thursday, December 3 at 6 pm at the Grant House.

Adjourn

Fyfe moved that meeting be adjourned; Raimondi seconded, and the motion passed without objection: Vote: 7-0.

At 7:13 pm Chair Bill Olsen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Crafts

Acting Secretary