



MINUTES
LAURENS COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 4, 2021 – 11:00 AM
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Amanda Munyan, Vice-Chair Jamie Field, Chief Chrissie Latimore, Councilwoman Diane Anderson (arrived late), Councilman David Tribble, Councilman Luke Rankin, Mayor Nathan Senn.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Whitmore.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT – Dale Satterfield, Director of Public Works.

CALL TO ORDER - Dale Satterfield called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M, and presided over the election of officers.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Director, Dale Satterfield introduced the Committee Members to all attending.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- A.) Mr. Satterfield opened the floor for nominations for the Chair position. MOTION was made by COUNCILMAN RANKIN and SECONDED by MAYOR SENN to nominate Amanda Munyan as Chairwoman. There were no further nominations. Vote was 6 - 0 (Absent Robert Whitmore and Diane Anderson).
- B.) Chairman Munyan opened the floor for nominations as Vice-Chair. MOTION was made by CHIEF LATIMORE to nominate Jamie Field. With no further nominations, a SECOND was made by COUNCILMAN RANKIN. VOTE 6– 0. (Absent Robert Whitmore and Diane Anderson).

INVOCATION – Director Satterfield provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Chairwoman Munyan led all with the Pledge of Allegiance. (Councilwoman Anderson had arrived).

NEW BUSINESS - Strategic Visioning – Representing the Architectural Firm of Mr. John Hanson, Architect and Joe McCoy provided a PowerPoint presentation that provided a visual concept of the interior and exterior problem areas and provided some visual concepts of what they have envisioned to incorporate into the renovation of the Historic Courthouse.

Questions were asked by various Committee Members such as: what was the original ceiling façade; can the structure be taken back to the Victorian era and do away with the classical look; can the domed ceiling be worked up as Neville Hall at Presbyterian College; can the era colors be used; can the era tiles be used.

LUNCH BREAK – MOTION by MAYOR SENN SECOND by CHIEF LATIMORE – VOTE 7-0 – 11:50 A.M.

The Architectural Team as the Committee what were some of the areas that they wished to see in the renovation and what type of uses.

Brought out in discussion were the following: to use as a museum site for the Revolutionary War upcoming Centennial; continued use as the County Council Chambers; a place for the people not a museum; public bathrooms; make part of the Museum; performing stages; public arts space; stages for Laurens County Chorale

and Laurens County Theater; Multipurpose shows; transition space for Veterans and Elections Offices; multi use for organizations; small businesses; outside power sources; up lighting on the building; Outside step areas covers and lighting; a County gift shop / welcome center; and to add a small kitchen area. .

Chief Latimore had to leave for another meeting.

The Architects asked if parking was an issue and suggested military downstairs and the arts upstairs.

In conclusion – The Committee was asked to continue with searching out possibilities with the next meeting being held on February 26th from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Noted that the final conclusion of the Committee's recommendations will be to the County Council for consideration at their March 23, 2021 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Having no further business, upon a CONSENSUS of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adopted 2-26-2021



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 04, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Laurens County Courthouse

Attendees: Amanda Munyan – Laurens County Courthouse Committee
Jaime Field – Laurens County Courthouse Committee
Luke Rankin – Laurens County Courthouse Committee
Nathan Senn – Laurens County Courthouse Committee
Chrissie Latimore – Laurens County Courthouse Committee
Diane Anderson – Laurens County Courthouse Committee
David Tribble – Laurens County Council
Dale Satterfield – Laurens County Dept. Of Public Works
John Hansen – CGD
Joe McCoy – CGD

Project: Historic Laurens County Courthouse Renovation

Project # 18062.1

CGD presented our previous courthouse/historical work to the Historic Laurens County Courthouse Advisory Committee and discussed our initial thoughts on the renovation of the Courthouse.

The buildings existing mechanical systems are at the end of their lifespan and should be replaced as part of the renovation work. CGD proposed removing infill pieces on the north and south side of the building, reverting back to the way the building was configured in 1911. This would allow to add back windows in this area to allow light into the main upper room. It was proposed to add back glass enclosures where the infill pieces were removed to maintain access around the building then opened the floor for discussion on possible uses and needs for the historic courthouse. As part of the renovation, the existing windows from the 1970's renovation would be removed and more historic-looking windows would be added. An internal elevator and larger communicating stair would be added for better access between the two floors. The renovated ceiling in the main upper room would be configured to highlight the dome above.

The renovation would take place in 3 phases;

- Phase 1 – Exterior waterproofing
- Phase 2 – Restoration / Schematic design of interior space
- Phase 3 – Interior renovation work

After presenting CGD's proposal the discussion was opened up to the committee for their input and thoughts on how the space could be best utilized.

Discussion as follows:

Committee members offered suggestions as to what uses/amenities they would like to see in the renovated courthouse. The discussion centered around what would be the best use for the space that would benefit the surrounding community and businesses the most.

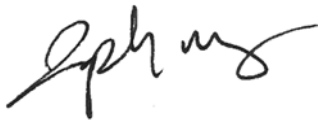
Some of the needs and uses suggested:

- Home base of a Revolutionary War Museum
- Expanded Veterans Affairs offices
- Multi-purpose room
- Extension of the county administration
- A place for the people
- Public restrooms
- Performing arts space
- Art gallery
- Transparency with the community
- Smaller conference rooms / multi-use rooms
- Catering kitchen
- Exterior power in the surrounding square
- Exterior bollards in the parking area for events
- Exterior lighting / Uplighting / Color Changing
- Welcome Center

Based on the discussion CGD would prepare schematic design options that would meet the committee's goals and show different uses for the space. The design options are to be presented at the next committee meeting.

Please notify CGD of any discrepancies in the meeting minutes.

CRAIG GAULDEN DAVIS



Joe McCoy, AIA
Architect

cc:

- John Hansen
- Joe McCoy