

City Council

Study Session Summary

April 26, 2016
Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton
Council member Jay Keany
Council member Chris Leh
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Dennis Maloney
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

City Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Malcolm Fleming, City Manager
Meredyth Muth, Public Relations Manager
Suzanne Janssen, Cultural Arts &
Special Events Coordinator
Kurt Kowar, Director of Public Works
Dave Szabados, Facilities Manager
Beth Barrett, Library & Museum Services Director
Bridget Bacon, Museum Coordinator
Megan Huelman, Museum Technician

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Muckle

Cultural Council Annual Report

Members of the board in attendance:

Lawrence Anderson	Angie Layton
Gina Barton	Jennifer Strand
Deborah Davies	Blake Welch
Paul Ewing	

Chair Jennifer Strand gave the LCC's annual report highlighting the board's new mission statement which helped focus the board and give them direction. This year the LCC began a new program giving grants to artists. They gave a total of \$2500 in the past year. The summer concerts are still the board's signature event

but they hosted many other events in 2016 serving over 6000 attendees. Goals for next year include additional marketing, making Louisville a greater arts destination, and focusing further on public art. Work continues on the Cultural Arts Master Plan.

Lipton thanked the group and noted he was very impressed with the amount and quality of the work the LCC is doing and how well they have leveraged their dollars.

Lawrence Anderson noted how great the lineup is for the summer concert series and invited everyone to attend.

Maloney liked the new mission statement and thanked the board for committing to this process. He also thanked the board for addressing board burnout.

Stolzmann noted the LCC should advise the City Council on any public art at the proposed expanded rec center.

Leh noted the LCC has great creativity and they use it for their programming. He noted the LCC should be watching any changes that might be coming in the SCFD funding.

Loo asked the LCC if they were interested in doing more events in other locations such as the 2014 event in the Arboretum.

Muckle thanked the members for their service.

LCC members thanked Suzanne Janssen for her staff support of the board.

Sustainability Advisory Board Annual Report

Members of the board in attendance:

Jamie Bartlett
Dan Delahunty
Mary Ann Heaney

Marianne Martin
Mark Persichetti

Jamie Bartlett gave the board's presentation noting their primary work has been on the sustainability action plan and working on the community gardens. She added the board would like to do additional marketing and get more public input on the plan.

For this upcoming year their goals include finishing the action plan, continued work on the community garden, a green business recognition program, and they plan to ask for a sustainability coordinator position in the 2017 budget.

Members stated they will be asking the Council for official feedback on the action plan later this year. They also asked the Council to consider a noise ordinance, a 2nd community garden site, and support for a sustainability coordinator position.

Stolzmann stated she was very excited about the action plan and its goals. She asked the board to help with sustainability on the proposed rec center expansion.

Maloney thanked the board for their service. He asked if there is any interest in doing green residence awards as well as the green businesses awards.

Keany noted the board is working on updating the website and gave a big thanks to Public Works and Parks for their work on the community gardens.

Muckle thanked them for work on the action plan and he looks forward to further discussion on it.

Loo stated her concern about the plan is that it may not align with economic realities such as bag fees and LEED platinum status. She wants more buy-in from the business community and more definitions and understanding of what it will really take. She doesn't want the Council to adopt a plan that raises expectations beyond what the City can realistically accomplish.

Leh asked if the board has any lessons learned from the garden project. Heaney said they have quite a few that will help with the next one.

Heaney noted there is still interest in a noise ordinance and she has a draft if the Council is interested.

Lipton asked if there is still any "low hanging fruit" for sustainability projects in City buildings. Szabados noted the proposed rec center is good place for changes, but existing buildings are harder to retrofit.

Keany noted the board sent a letter to all of Council asking the Council to consider sustainability when reviewing the 5-year CIP plan.

Library Board of Trustees Annual Report

Members of the board in attendance:

Sherri Lancton

Debra Williams, Superior Representative

Lancton gave the board's update noting the Library staff's work this year included the new web site, STEM programs, the new makerspace, science programs, improved coordination with BVSD, and improved efficiency.

Lancton noted the changing role of libraries in the world today. Less focus on accessing information and more on libraries being learning institutions.

Plans for the next year include a “technologist in residence,” tween space, and increasing social and learning spaces. The Library Board and staff are looking for new ways to market the library, support staff and programs, and celebrate the 10th anniversary.

Lancton noted Louisville staffing is significantly lower than comparable sized libraries with the same circulation and population.

Lancton asked what the Council expects from the LBOT and noted the board is interested in the City allocating impact fees to the library.

Muckle asked Debra Williams if Superior had any comments. She noted Superior is looking to build some kind of library service in their new Town Center project. Barrett noted Superior residents make up about 20% of their users.

Stolzmann noted the addition of Longmont to the consortium really added to what is now available to the Louisville users.

Maloney asked if collaborative learning environments are something the library supports. Barrett noted they would look into it.

Keany asked if there is a way to leverage the little free libraries around town, mapping where they are, sharing materials, etc. Lancton said they are discussing a number of ideas related to this. Barrett noted the LBOT maintains three of the little libraries around town.

Lipton noted there may be some programmatic opportunities with an expanded senior center.

Stolzmann noted the City does collect impact fees and does allocate a portion to the library already.

Council members thanked the LBOT members for their work.

Historical Commission Annual Report

Members of the board in attendance:

Paula Elrod
Gordon Madonna
Dan Mellish

Betty Scarpella
Julie VanLaanen

Members of the History Foundation in attendance:

Missy Diehl

David Marks
Tammy Lastoka

Dan Mellish gave the annual report noting the Pioneer Award, the Historian newsletter, museum membership, participation in the Labor Day Parade. He noted the great collaboration with the Historic Preservation Commission. He noted the work on digitizing photos, the need for additional storage, and the desire for an additional building on the museum site.

Missy Diehl noted the History Foundation is the fund raising arm of the museum. They are looking to collaborate with the city on grant work, collaborating with businesses, and raising memberships all in the hopes of a capital campaign for museum expansion.

Stolzmann thanked members for serving and thinks the museum is important but noted the sell to the voters for a new building will have to be well thought out.

Diehl asked if anyone had good ideas for capital funding. Muckle noted grant funding might be an option but it could be difficult. He stated he is supportive of asking voters to use the Historic Preservation Fund for museum operations.

Maloney asked how far the digitization project has gotten. How much is left to do? Bacon stated the photos are in the 5,000-10,000 range and the artifacts are close to 20,000 range. Maloney noted the artifacts help tell the story and we need to make sure they are made available.

Lipton stated the issue is what does the Foundation need to effectively fundraise. He stated they need program planning and concept drawings in place to start the fund raising not completed schematics.

Diehl stated her concern is whether there is real City support for this project. They don't want to start down the fund raising path without that commitment.

Keany stated conceptual drawings should be enough to get the process started. He also stated the City Council eventually needs to discuss how much the City will put towards this project to match what the Foundation raises.

Loo noted she doesn't want to raise expectations that can't be met. She added that street maintenance is currently the City's highest priority leaving little money for anything else and there is little flexibility in the budget. It is likely going to take money from an outside source to fund the project or ask the voters for a bond issue.

Keany asked what everyone thought was a reasonable timeline for such a project and when the City thinks it can reasonably put some money towards it.

Loo noted it will likely need a dedicated funding source for additional operations and maintenance of an expanded facility.

Leh stated that there has been a disconnect between the Council's verbal commitment to the project and actual funding of the project. The Council should consider committing funds to the expansion on the CIP list.

Muckle noted next steps are beginning to take shape and grant funding and costs can be fleshed out as this moves forward.

City Manager's Report

The group reviewed the advanced agenda.

Identification of Future Agenda Items

None

Adjourned at 9:45 pm.

*Submitted by – Meredyth Muth
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