

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
SERVICE CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Rotary Club Community Service Center Building Committee was held on March 11, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. at the GMAC Building on Diana Lane. The purpose of the meeting was to identify the Rotary Club's facility needs, in greater detail, in preparation for a second meeting with Commissioner Fonteno scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on March 20. The attendees were:

Charles Hartman
Bob Wren
Jim McNatt
Bill Weseman
Sam Calanni

Bill Webb
Al Jowid
Al Ligrani
Frank Morgan

Discussions early in the meeting involved a brief review of the previous meeting with Commissioner Fonteno and an open exchange on features which would be desirable in any new facility. Charles Hartman commented that the Holiday Inn Ballroom is just over 2,000 square feet and the new facility should be at least twice as large. Al Ligrani suggested that the committee look at the Clear Lake United Methodist Church or the Ed White Youth Center which have incorporated expandable dining areas and kitchen layouts which might be adaptable to the new center. Frank Morgan advised that he was unable to obtain plans for the April Sound facility. A summary of the discussion on facility needs follows:

- a) A dining area of approximately 5,000 square feet.
- b) A full commercial kitchen.
- c) A serving line, separated from the dining area: Single line, double line, or counter top type arrangements were discussed but no conclusions were drawn.
- d) A small area should be left with a hard surface for dancing at parties.
- e) The large open dining area might be used for indoor fund raisers and should be sized with this possibility in mind.
- f) A good public address system.
- g) A committee meeting room approximately 20' X 30'.
- h) A storage area off of the dining area.
- i) A storage area for shrimporee equipment. This need not be inside air-conditioned space.
- j) A display/archives area - either in the entry way or a separate room.
- k) Dedicated office for the Rotary Club.
- l) A computer room.
- m) The majority of the interior should be carpeted.
- n) Good lighting with variable lighting levels.
- o) A drop screen and facilities for projectors - possibly a projection booth. Consider rear projection and video VCR's.

- p) Small raised stage area.
- q) Adequate parking.
- r) Adequate outside area for activities such as horseshoes or softball.
- s) Rest Rooms designed for maximum occupancy.
- t) A sheltered drive through vehicle entry way high enough for buses to discharge passengers during inclement weather.

The following summarizes the discussions on where the facility should be located:

- a) The consensus was that the Clear Lake Park, near the Cap Landolt Pavillion, would be an ideal location, however, Charles Hartman commented that Commissioner Fonteno's office had indicated that there might not be suitable space in the park.
- b) The other side of Clear Lake Park, near the museum, was suggested as a possible location.
- c) The availability of sites along Bay Area Boulevard, and near the old West Ranch were discussed but no clear choice surfaced.

Several suggestions were offered on ways to finance the project:

- a) Pledges from members.
- b) Contributions from Corporations.
- c) A separate fund raiser.
- d) A consensus held that the administration budget funds should not be used.
- e) \$7,200 per year would be immediately available from the \$1 per week room charge assessment.
- f) The savings from the current storage area would help.

Charles Hartman commented that in his opinion a large first class facility could be financed from existing fund raising activities, but, suggested a combination of the other suggestions be considered.

The committee's consensus was that a larger project of this type would have more of an impact and provide more exposure for Rotary, but, the small charitable contributions should continue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with all attendees invited to the March 20 meeting with Commissioner Fonteno.

Respectfully Submitted



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