

2024.0521.MMEDAC Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Win Miller, Kate Seitz, Lisa White, Jake White, Bill Miller, Scott Spisak

Not in attendance

Robin Brooksbank, Cathy Wegener, Kitsi Vadheim, Kristina Smitten

Review of the project

City prioritized buying the property for the school for the health and well-being of the school. A lot of effort in that. School is the best use of the school, park, public meeting space, based on survey. Third piece of puzzle, once school was purchased, Robin was bringing folk school to life and starting a charter school.

Goal of the committee: long-term plan for the nearly 9 acres of property, considering:

- Town
- Village School
- Folk school
- Planning commission
- City council

City website has a dedicated page with the committee's meeting minutes, etc.

Agenda

- **Recruit for members:**
 - Kristina Smitten has stepped down from the committee due to long-term scheduling conflicts
- **Plan for future meetings**
 - Consideration to move to or offer Zoom meetings along with the in-person meetings. Yes, will use personal laptops or city technology to offer a Zoom. BILL
 - Google Drive will be set up for all working documents and references: LISA
- **Review previous meeting action items**
 - Other examples of education sites shared with community spaces
 - Denobo: Kitsi to provide more info
 - The Clearing Folk School: Bill visited in Door County, Wis.

Discussion

Master Plan Option 1: Contingency Plans/Considerations of USES if the primary goal of education site cannot be satisfied: (the following options are based on research city did when they were considering buying the building along with new ideas provided by the committee)

- CURRENT Allowables for the site (overlay district):
 - Single family dwellings

- Government buildings
- Park/playground
- School
- Place of worship
- NEW Ideas
 - Independent living. See similar school in southeast Minnesota, where each room was converted into an apartment, with bathroom, kitchen, and became senior housing.
 - Parkland and non-revenue-generating use options

Master Plan Option 2: Status Quo & Short-Term Improvements, with Marine Village School and Marine Mills Folk School.

Existing Facilities:

MVS. Can continue to operate here without much change; however, would like to make some changes to provide better education to students.

- Dedicated science room
- Musical instruments, stands, etc
- 145 kids/year
- Green space, playground, sports areas
- Food service opportunities: bringing it in-house (could affect storage)
- Pre-K thru 8 grade (dependent upon Red Bridge)

MMFS. Can continue to operate here with a storage plan.

- Stand-alone space for classrooms that operates as storage
- Pottery Studio
- Daytime, weekday offerings
- Kitchen
- Green space
- 2,000+ students annually, 360 classes and community events

Shared Opportunities:

- Parking
- Rink / Tennis-Pickleball Court / Multi-use

Master Plan Option 3: Growth Plan with MVS and MMFS

Shared Uses that may come with a new building space for MMFS and MVS include:

- Maker's Space
- Green space
- Parking

MVS: What is driving the growth desire?

- 3 additional classrooms for the 6-8 grades
- Science lab
- Music program

MMFS: What is driving the growth desire?

- Desire to offer weekday, daytime classes
- Limited current options for classes that require equipment, such as large looms, pottery wheels and a kiln, etc.
- Office space for staff

Additional Long-term Considerations

- Parking
- 5th street expansion
- Pine street expansion
- 6th street expansion
- Green Spaces management

Action Items

- MVS, MMFS: How do both schools plan to use the green spaces in the next 3-5 years?
- Google Drive: Lisa to set up a shared Drive to house all committee working documents.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, June 18, 2024
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- 550 Pine Street, Media Center