

Town of Vienna

Charles A. Robinson Jr.
Town Hall
127 Center Street South
Vienna VA. 22180

Meeting Minutes Town Council Conference Session

Monday, March 20, 2023

9:00 PM

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immediately following Town Council meeting

1. Regular Business

Council Present: Council Member Chuck Anderson; Council Member Nisha Patel; Council Member Steve Potter; Council Member Howard J. Springsteen and Mayor Linda Colbert.

Staff Present: Mercury Peyton, Town Manager; Leslie Herman, Director, Parks and Recreation

Absent: Council Member Ray Brill Jr.; Council Member Ed Somers

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Vienna Annex Long-Term Use Study

Mayor Colbert called the Town Conference session to order at 10:30 PM recognizing Leslie Herman, Director, Parks and Recreation to introduce the project consultants.

The Town of Vienna has contracted with Kimmel Bogrette Architecture & Kimley Horn to review the former Faith Baptist Church located at 301 Center Street, South, Vienna, VA (Annex) and identify potential long term uses for the property including robust community engagement. Two by two meetings were previously held with Council Members which has aided in directing this Conference Session.

Following this conference session and the community engagement, the project team will present a revised Mission Statement and Core Values for approval, as well as community feedback regarding the uses of the Annex, both in the near and long term. Soon after that submission, the project team will host a design charette to reengage the community and focus on site planning and fine tuning the programming.

Comments from Council included the following:

- Must put guardrails on wish list from public;
- Money for completion of any project will not be available for at least ten years; Capital project dollars earmarked for next fifteen years;
- Must manage expectations;
- Provide short term use options so property does not set fallow; Doing nothing costs dollars;
- Property has potential both short term and long term final use;
- Workshops should include education of where tax dollars go; Will public pay for whatever use is chosen?
- Suggest providing consultants with budget guidelines for both short term and long term use to avoid unrealistic proposals;
- Focus should be on interim use and what the current budget can withstand.

Mayor Colbert reminded Council that the first public workshop will be held Tuesday, March 28, 2023 in the Police Station Community room with the goal of gathering community wants and needs.

2. Meeting Adjournment

Mayor Colbert concluded the conference session at 11:15 PM.

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