

SPECIAL WORKSESSION MINUTES

June 21, 2004

Council Present: *S. Cherney, C. Crichton, T. Daly, E. Kautz, and L. Workman*
Council Absent: *None*
Staff Present: *C. Ebeling, T. Goodroad, S. Olesen, T. Omdal, J. Tschumper*
Others Present: *E. Delmoro, P. O'Keefe, W. Huelskoetter*

1. Discussion of the Role of the HOC Steering Committee

Mayor Kautz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Mayor introduced the item. The following items were discussed:

- Committee in comparison to the Planning Commission and the PNRC
- Purpose of the HOC Steering Committee
 - W. Huelskoetter gave background on the establishment and purpose of the Committee
- Expand the Committee to include all of the City of Burnsville
 - Does it take away from other Commissions?
 - What impact would have on other advisory boards?
- Citizen involvement in big projects through a committee
 - Helps promote buy-in of the citizens
- Role of HOC wasn't defined as usually done with ad hoc committees
- Lessons to be learned on how HOC happened
 - HOC Committee impacted community acceptance
- Some form of the Committee should be retained
- Spin off of projects
 - Foundation handles snowflakes
 - Public Art Committee
- Non Political aspect of citizen involvement
- Value of the HOC Steering Committee
- Redefinition of the Committee as "Help our City" HOC
- Citizen advocacy group for innovative projects
 - Citizens group not appointed by the Council
 - Needs focus or it's a tough challenge
 - Project needs to be defined

W. Huelskoetter said maybe it's time to dissolve the Committee. He said the lessons that had been learned should be identified. The Mayor said an advocacy group should have vision and passion about a project.

C. Ebeling said he believes that the City needs to be the machinery of success in items such as PFT.

There was discussion of what remains for the HOC Steering Committee to do for the HOC area. The following items were discussed:

- Activities/Community Events in the HOC
- Events will keep the HOC vibrant

The possible options on intensity of involvement of the HOC Steering Committee were discussed (i.e., advise the City Council only upon request for HOC activities/projects and continue sponsoring and organizing activities in the HOC.) There was discussion of what kind of advisory board it should be:

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Activities/Community events in parks

- Focus on Nicollet Commons Park
- Citizens Advisory Committee for review of varied City items

Councilmember Daly suggested the HOC continue for a defined period of time.

- Focus on HOC activities and marketing
- Engage community in HOC
- Evolve to an activities/events committee

The group discussed if the HOC coordinating function is still necessary and what other committees are responsible for (i.e., Public Arts Committee; Community Arts Facility Committee). C. Ebeling identified Committees that need to report to the Council:

- Public Arts Committee
- Community Arts Facility Committee
- Design Review Committee
- Community Activities Committee

Council discussed if the above committees should be appointed by the Council. (Design Review Committee is presently appointed by the Council). Consensus of the Council was that all of the above mentioned committees should be appointed by the Council.

The Mayor suggested that the work of the HOC Steering Committee should be recognized and celebrated.

Draft policies outlining the appointment process for the Public Arts Committee, Community Arts Facility Committee and the Community Events Committee are to be developed and scheduled for discussion at a Worksession. Discussion of the recognition of the HOC Steering Committee should be scheduled at the same time.

The Council thanked the HOC Steering Committee members for their commitment and hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Olesen, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Burnsville this 22nd day of June 2004.

Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor