

Corrales Performing Arts Center Committee Meeting Minutes Corrales Village Council Room June 6, 2022

I. **Call to order: 10:10 a.m.**

Appointed Committee Members present: James Wright, Tony Messec, Jon Young, Bonnie Gonzales, John Schumann, Sue Evatt in place of Linda Parker

Advisors Present: Barbara Boyd, Jim Kruger, Angela Guterrez

Village Staff and Leadership Present: Mayor James F. Fahey, Lynn Siverts, and Ron Curry

II. **Appointment of Committee Chair and Recording Secretary:** Following a brief discussion about committee leadership, Mayor Fahey asked if anyone would serve as committee chair and if anyone would serve as recording secretary. John Schumann volunteered to be secretary and Mayor Fahey appointed James Wright as committee chairman. There were no objections, and the appointments became final.

III. **Plan Completion:** Mayor Fahey challenged the committee to compete a final recommended plan of use for the center by late September so he can then present it to Village Council. All agreed that this is an achievable objective.

IV. **Discussions:** Following are highlights of a wide-ranging series of points discussed by committee members and committee advisors.

- Mayor Fahey, aided by Lynn Siverts, answered a question about how the size of the proposed performing arts center building was determined. The ultimate site for the center is approximately an acre. The proposed 15,000 sq ft center is 35% of the site, the maximum building size permitted.
- In response to the Mayor's request that committee members submit a letter outlining their ideas about the center, John Schumann read his letter detailing his thoughts and ideas about the center. His letter is attached to these minutes and is hereby incorporated by reference in these minutes.
- Barbara Boyd, a committee advisor and business manager for the Adobe Theater, spoke about some of the commitments the Adobe Theater was

prepared to make as the prime user of the theater space. The Adobe Theater would be a rent payer and would contribute such things as theater seats, and lighting. Barbara explained that copyright costs limited the size of their audiences to 99 but that was not intended to be a limit on the overall seating capacity of the theater area. To facilitate performances, a theater user would require 18 to 20 ft ceilings and a walk behind/backstage area.

- Bonnie Gonzales of the Grower's Market shared that the proposed "commercial" kitchen was a "lunchroom" kitchen not meeting the needs of growers interested in canning, baking etc. as a part of a value-added chain of production. Bonnie felt the proposed kitchen area was not large enough nor did it have any reasonable way for growers to move goods into and out of the center. Tony Messec recalled that a large kitchen was at one time proposed for the rec center building. Others opined that other locations are available for a more suitable kitchen meeting the growers' near and long term needs. Jon Young shared drawings and costs of what potential kitchens in the center as well as in the rec building. He also felt there may be better sites for a growers' kitchen...larger and with better access.
- As potential other sites are considered for the growers' kitchen, there will likely be potential conflicts with other Village groups needing meeting space. Because of the history of agriculture in Corrales, the consensus was that it is important for the growers to have a kitchen. Angela Guiterrez, a committee advisor from Corrales Mainstreet, and others felt funding for a separate kitchen would be more easily attained if it were a separate facility. Focused, specific grant writing is generally more successful.
- John Schumann asked Mayor Fahey if it were the expectation of the Village that the center be self-sustaining through rents etc. The Mayor answered in the affirmative.
- At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Wright indicated that an objective of the next committee meeting will be to determine if a commercial kitchen is a suitable use for the center. In the alternative, can a better site for the growers be identified and develop kitchen plans in the center suitable for a caterer and culinary classes.

V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Time and place to be quickly determined.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Schumann, Recording Secretary