

Corrales Performing Arts Center Committee Meeting Minutes July 18, 2022

I. **Call to order: 10:08 a.m.**

Appointed Committee Members present: James Wright, Tony Messec, Jon Young, John Schumann, Linda Parker, Barbara Boyd.

Advisors Present: Jim Kruger, Angela Guitierrez, Sayre Gerhart

Others Present: Doug Cohen

Village Staff and Leadership Present: None

- II. **Approval of Minutes from June 6 Meeting:** There were not enough committee members present who read the June 6 Meeting Minutes or who were present at the June 6 meeting to properly approve or not approve the June 6 Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion to approve those minutes was placed in abeyance until the next committee meeting on July 25. With corrections and additions noted, on a motion by Linda Parker, seconded by Jon Young, the minutes of the July 11, 2022 committee meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. **Introduction:** Chairman Jim Wright was not present at this meeting due to COVID related issues. At Chairman Wright's request, John Schumann led the meeting and was recording secretary. A guest, Doug Cohen, was present at the meeting at the request of Jim Kruger. Doug explained he was active in the Corrales performing arts community, was a meeting facilitator and was present at the meeting to observe.
- IV. **Introduction of Sayre Gerhart:** The first order of business was the introduction of Sayre Gerhart who was asked by Chairman Wright to join the committee as an advisor. Sayre is an architect who worked for APS on many projects. She also has a long history of engagement in various Corrales endeavors. Sayre shared she no longer is licensed as an architect but is happy to help the committee advance its ideas in any way she can. She was specifically asked by Chairman Wright to join the committee to assist in modifying the original center plans developed by facility Build in February 2022. Because the plans for use of the center have changed since

the original draft plans, Chairman Wright felt it would be prudent have an experienced person help redraft the uses/ rooms/ theater of the center.

V. Discussions: Meeting leader John Schumann said the objective of the meeting was to develop uses of the center with some specificity. If time permitted, the committee could review vision statements offered and ultimately develop a vision statement for the center. Following are highlights of another wide-ranging series of points discussed by committee members and committee advisors.

- Because the theater is the largest single user of space, the initial discussion focused on it. Following are points and questions raised.
 - What should the seating capacity be? In its wish list CAC indicated a size adequate to meet the needs of the Adobe Theater (99 Seats) would be sufficient. On the other hand, CCAC asked the theater to accommodate from 250 to 300 patrons.
 - Parking and actual center foot print size are the major theater seating capacity limitations. Considerations discussed were the inclusion of compact parking with full sized parking to increase the originally planned 80 full sized parking spaces to over 100 spaces. Apparently, there is a Village ordinance requiring all full-sized parking spaces. Further work is required on this issue. Other possibilities to increase the number of center parking spaces included connecting the Grower's Market and Rec Center parking areas to the PAC via sidewalks.
 - If the Adobe Theater were to become a user of the theater, its normal season would use 32 of the 52 weekends of the year. The stage depth would be determinative of concurrent uses of the theater. If the stage were deep enough to "curtain off" a play setting, the theater could be used for conferences, voter forums, lectures etc. during weekdays and weekends when Adobe didn't have a play. Every committee member is supportive of the Adobe Theater returning to Corrales, but further discussion is required about the frequency of its use of the theater.
 - The theater stage was discussed. Although the majority of performing arts centers the committee surveyed used raised stages,

the Adobe Theater has no raised stage, which adds to the intimacy of their productions. A floor level stage could reduce some of the costs attendant to a raised stage.

- By consensus, it was agreed the name Performing Arts Center was too limiting (also discussed in the first committee meeting). Linda Parker indicated other non- arts groups would be interested in using the classroom/meeting spaces. There is a real shortage of group meeting space in the Village. Linda specifically cited the 4-H clubs as potential center users. No name was developed for the center. It is an item for further discussion following the development of a vision statement. That said, Corrales Arts and Community Center was a name mentioned. The more inclusive of uses/users the center is, the more community support it will receive.
- Although a community survey was mentioned, Mayor Fahey has already said a survey isn't necessary. The PAC committee members represent a broad crosscut of the Village. Angela Gutierrez suggested a short "blurb" seeking community input be placed in a Mainstreet publication and in the Corrales Comment. Timing is the issue.
- The lobby area of the center was briefly discussed. It was agreed the lobby would be an appropriate space for an art gallery. Creating in the wall niches would limit space flexibility. The lobby/gallery would also be a good spot for wedding and business reception as well as theater intermissions.
- Tony Messec questioned the need for hard copy revision of the floor plan for the center. There was a lengthy discussion of the matter with the consensus that a revised floor plan would be necessary to gain Village council and other community support. Sayre Gerhart felt this was something she could do but time is of the essence. She'll be out of town for most of the month of September.
- The byword for the day's discussion was "flexibility." Barbara Boyd said the driver of uses was "why.do we want stuff?"

VI. Adjournment: On a motion by Jon Young, seconded by Barbara Boyd, the meeting adjourned att 11:35 a.m..

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is 10:00 a.m., July 25, at the Village Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Schumann, Recording Secretary