

MEETING MINUTES

WALKER SCHOOL



Meeting #: 2

Date: February 16, 2026

Convene: 6:30 PM

Adjourn: 8:00 PM

PROPERTY REPURPOSING COMMITTEE

Attendees:

Richard King

Carol McGovern

Peter Beckford

Barbara Edmond

Elise Brown

Jim Caldwell

Isa Oberle

Jane Leibler

Autumn Jackson

Joanne Pease

Harry Schadei

1 HOUSEKEEPING

1 Minutes of Meeting 1

1. Carol made a series of recommendations and corrections for the minutes.
2. Motion to approve as amended, Carol 2nd, all in favor, passed.
3. Richard provided background on timelines and schedule of events.
[RK NOTE: Funding subcommittee will focus on grant deadlines.]

2 ENVISIONING

Barbara lead the activity, beginning with everyone stating where they were born. We all wrote simple ideas of our feelings as we envisioned a "community center." Barbara will tabulate the results.

3 COMMUNITY SURVEY ANALYSIS

- In response to Richard's categorizing the list, Pete said that we should keep our options open.
- Isa asked if an overview of information would be helpful and Elise said yes.
- Autumn asked why housing was a no-go.
- Pete asked if there are any project components required by grants? Yes, such as sprinklers, elevator, etc.

Post meeting: Barbara analyzed the discussion and found that four categories emerged:

#1 Community Center (Unanimous; ALL had selected as one of the top 3 options) Possibly includes - Town Offices, Senior Center, Performance Space, Kitchen Workshop, Co-op Workshop, Adult Ed, Wi-Fi Hotspot, Meeting Space, Community Garden

#2 Early Childhood Center (6 votes in the top 3 options) Possibly includes – Head-Start, Pre-School, Daycare)

#3 Recreation Center (5 votes in the top 3 options) Possibly includes – Fitness Center, Dance, Yoga, Basketball, Playground, Artist Spaces

#4 Emergency/ Resiliency Center(5 votes in the top 3 options) Possibly includes – Warming Center, Food Pantry. Soup Kitchen, Laundromat

NOTE 1: Rental Spaces could be part of any of the above (2 votes in the top 3 options)

NOTE 2: Affordable Housing/Senior Housing might be an option if the building was to be sold

4 MISCELLANEOUS

1 Mission Statement

- Elise presented mission statement and group norms drafts.
- Barbara suggested posting timelines on the wall to track our progress.

2 Time keeping

It was noted by Elise that "in-Kind" hours can be used as part of the town's matching funds required by most grants. Elise will propose a tracking form.

3 Building access

Discussion of protocol for accessing the building.

[RK NOTE: Pete Quimby has supplied 3 sets of keys. Elise, Jim, and I will hold them.]