

Walker Building Repurposing Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

WHOLE COMMITTEE:

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Attendance: Cheryl Ball, Carol McGovern, Bob Kohl, Jane Leibler, Gail Phillipi, Richard King, Harry Schadei, Peter Beckford, Barbara Edmond, Andrea Clifford, Bill Nolan,

DISTRIBUTION ITEMS:

- 5/13/26 Meeting Agenda
- 4/22/26 Meeting Minutes

HOUSEKEEPING - 5 minutes

- Safety measures
 - Please call Autumn to be let into the meeting if you arrive after 6:05. Her number will be posted on the door.
- Committee shuffle
 - Joanne Pease rejoining Community Engagement
- Please send in your team minutes and the name of your minute taker.
- May Meetings:
 - Wed. May 13, 2026 6 pm Full Committee Meeting
 - Wed. May 20, 2026 6 pm Work Team Meetings
 - Wed. May 27, 2026 6 pm Full Committee Meeting
- Tues. May 19, 2028 6 pm RSU 3 Information Meeting at Walker

CELEBRATIONS - 3 minutes

- Social! It was very fun. Thank you to Jane for hosting and Pete for the game!
- All 3 congressional offices have approved our CDS grant proposals to move forward!!

OLD BUSINESS - 5 minutes

- Committee Reports: Each Committee is asked to provide a 2-3 key points about their current work; Also the opportunity to seek any input or assistance from the full Committee
- Cheryl - Fundraising Team
 - Actively working on Community Action Grant. 75k for a Variable Refrigerant Flow HVAC system to replace boiler. This grant will count towards matching funds!
 - AD from MCOG might get reassigned to our project.
 - Barbara shared that we might need to get a fiscal sponsor.
 - Joanne Pease find someone in the middle range of tax status.
- Peter - Mixed Use Management Team
 - Harry has made list of folks for the team to contact on various topics
 - Meeting on May 18th to meet with Waldo Cap.
 - May 26 - John McKeef from the Belfast center will meet with MUM to give advice.

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- Questions for full committee - Is housing still an option, can there be a single apartment? No decision was made
- What is on the list for uses before the sprinkler system? Autumn and Pete will send out a list.
- Richard - Facilities Team
 - 4 Facilities would benefit from Solar - Community Hall, Town Office, Fire Dept, Sand Shed.
 - HVAC vendor will give Richard some thoughts
- Jane - Community Engagement Team (*Memorial Day Parade needs*)
 - Newsletter sign ups!
 - Memorial Day Parade

NEW BUSINESS - 45 minutes - ~ 6:30pm

- Identifying any additional interim building uses for meeting with State Fire Marshall & the Insurance Company
- Planning for the June Informational Meeting
 - Proposed: 2 Identical Information Meetings
 - Thursday 6:00 PM on June 25 and Saturday 10:00 AM on June 27
 - What do we most want to be true at the conclusion of the meeting?
 - Common understanding, energy for further engagement (volunteering, giving, learning more), we have heard the voice of the people, people are happy with the plans, next steps, happy with progress/potential.
 - What does the community need to hear/ learn? - especially what has transpired since the Town Meeting
 - What's the mission, costs/money, where will the money come from, what are the benefits, potential opportunities, partnerships, timelines, benefits in the summer, cut off for input, how much could the building sell for, overall process, what needs to be done to the building
 - On what issues does the committee want/need further community input to help us make good decisions?
 - Would you take advantage of daycare, are you okay with taxes going up to support childcare, would you participate in programming, what would bring you in, what are you excited about, accessibility, naming the building, climate resiliency considerations, how to reach under served population,
 - Meeting flow/ activities ? How to best accomplish the meeting goals?
 - How soon can we start promoting?

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: (3 minutes)

- Discussion - how/when shall we name the building/rooms?
- Timeline Review

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Barbara Edmond Motion