

**FIVE POINTS AND MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2011
10:30 AM
CITY HALL ANNEX MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

Members Present: Dr. John Gaston, Mr. John Crawford, Mr. Bob Goddard, III, Ms. Kay Harris, Mr. Ed Crane, Mr. David Motley, Mr. Lou McClendon, Mr. Blake Ellis

Ex-Officio Members Present: Mr. Larry Hanson, Mrs. Cheryl Oliver, Ms. Kelly Lenz, Mr. Michael Jetter

Staff Present: Mr. Pat Collins, Ms. Debra Miller, Mr. Matt Martin, Ms. Mara Register

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mayor John J. Fretti called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone that was in attendance. Mayor Fretti shared with the committee the importance of the tasks ahead of them and expressed his appreciation for their willingness to be a part of the project that will leave a lasting legacy in the community.

II. Introduction of Committee Members, Ex-officio Members and Staff

After his opening remarks, Mayor Fretti asked everyone in attendance to introduce his or her self and to explain their interest in the project. After the introductions were completed, Mayor Fretti asked Larry Hanson to come forward to give a presentation on the history of the project and the steps that led to the meeting today.

III. Presentation on Five Points and the Role of the Steering Committee

Mr. Hanson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the steps that led to the acquisition of the 22.15 acres at Five Points. The presentation was divided into seven specific sections providing details related to the following topics: community information/support, the reason a new facility is needed, site selection process, the overall big picture of the project, the conceptual plan, the projected project timeline and the role of the Steering Committee. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was attached to the meeting packet.

Specific emphasis was given to the role of the Steering Committee, which is as follows:

- Guide the process to Master Plan the 22.15 acre tract to include the new Municipal Auditorium and New Regional Library
- Assist Pat Collins, City Engineer, in selecting the firm to Master Plan the site and design the auditorium
- Provide input on ways the project will be funded, both construction and operation
- Work to ensure the facility can meet the needs of the community for 50 years to come

- Provide outreach to the community to ensure the facility meets a broad range of needs taking into account the needs of the entire county and adjacent communities
- Work to ensure the facility remains affordable for local users
- Participate in several trips to facilities in other community to observe examples of architecture, acoustics and lighting, and the accommodation of multiple uses in a single facility

Mr. Hanson then introduced Mr. Pat Collins, City Engineer, to the committee. Mr. Collins briefly reviewed the Request for Qualifications that will be issued June 15, 2011 and was included in the meeting packet. He shared with the Committee that the submittal deadline for proposals would be August 23, 2011.

IV. Discussion of Next Steps

Mr. Hanson then reviewed several other items that were attached to the meeting packet to include a copy of the Five Points survey and a detailed listing of the regular events that take place at the current Mathis Auditorium. Mr. Hanson again stressed that this list is reflective of the fact that the new facility must be one that can accommodate all of the existing uses in function and cost, along with expanding uses of the facility.

In closing Mr. Hanson reviewed the next steps for the Committee to include setting the next meeting date, electing Committee officers and to see a presentation by the South Georgia Regional Library. The Committee set their next meeting date as July 14th, at 10:00 am in the Annex Multi-purpose Room.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.