

Capital Project Sales Tax  
QUALITY OF LIFE Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9, 2016 1 PM  
United Center for Community Care  
929 Phoenix Street

## MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Ankoma Anderson  
Denise Manley  
Claudette Bannerman  
Shunna Vance  
Phil Lindler

Staff Present: Charlie Barrineau, City Manager

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ankoma Anderson at 1:00 pm. Mr. Anderson read the following statement: In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting's date, time, location, and agenda was posted outside the main entrance of the Greenwood County Courthouse and the Greenwood County Library. Agendas were faxed to The Index-Journal, to local radio stations, and were posted on the Greenwood County website calendar.

Since the last meeting held February 1, the committee members utilized the committee agreed evaluation tool (attached) to rate each project for the committee agreed criteria on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 as the greatest).

Committee members discussed each project. General comments as follows:

- **Veterans Plaza** – great idea and utmost respect and support for our Veterans; consensus of the committee is that the project would rank low on the need factor and population impact.
- **Cokesbury College Restroom** – committee again voiced respect for the preservation of Greenwood's historic properties; while the committee agreed the funding level requested is low (\$30,000), the need in relation to Greenwood County at large is low. One committee member expressed concern over investing in a facility that is used largely on a rental basis.
- **Dr. Benjamin May's Site Theater auditorium expansion** – Committee members inquired as to the current use of the auditorium at the Brewer Center. It was noted that the auditorium is in need of extensive renovations. Committee members expressed a unified voice that the Mays Site brings tremendous value to Greenwood County.

- **Troy Community Center Renovation** – The committee agreed that the need factor for the project is low. The committee also expressed that efforts to sustain and maintain the center into the future were not clearly shown in the application.
- **Ware Shoals Katherine Hall Renovation** – Committee members expressed the Katherine Hall Renovation is a valuable project; however, some concern was expressed with funding the full request (\$3,528,123).
- **Railroad Historical Center** – Committee members expressed a consensus that the need factor was low for the project; however, the project brings great marketability to Greenwood. The committee agreed that the project would likely create little dissention among voters.
- **Little River Multicultural Center** – Committee members agreed the need factor presented in the application from a Countywide basis is low. Members expressed that the project would not likely garner significant voter appeal. Committee members expressed concern that sustainability was not addressed in the application.
- **Federal Building Renovation** – Committee members expressed a middle 3 rating score for need. Committee members expressed some concern over the rental aspect of the Arts Center; however, noted the facility does hold a number of free public events. The committee noted that some in the community may not view the project as a need. Sustainability of the project likely due to current City and County ownership.
- **Beyond The Walls Seaboard Recreation Center** – Committee members expressed the need exists in the community; however, the need was not demonstrated in the application. Committee members believed the “marketability” of the project would be low due to the fact that the building has been vacant with no progress for so long. Committee members expressed that the renovations numbers submitted in the application appeared low. The committee members also expressed that sustainability was not clearly demonstrated in the application.

Chairman Anderson then asked the committee by a show of hands to identify which projects should be considered further:

- **Veterans Center** – 4 votes for no
- **Cokebury College** – 1 yes 3 no
- **Mays Site** – 4 votes yes
- **Troy** – 4 votes no
- **Katherine Hall** – 4 votes yes
- **Railroad Historical Center** – 4 votes yes
- **Little River** – 4 votes no
- **Federal Building** – 4 votes yes
- **Beyond Walls Seaboard Recreation** – 4 votes no

The committee requested oral presentations from the Katherine Hall and Railroad Historical Center projects. Oral presentations are to be scheduled Tuesday, March 1 at 1 PM at the United Center for Community Care.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.