

Mosier Fire District Special Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Held as in-person and Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Carol Goter, Kris McNall, Rob Miller, Todd Reeves, Joanne Rubin

Staff: Chief Michael Carlson

Public: Terry Moore

Call to order at 1605

Comments from the public: None

Business: Joint Use Facility Discussion

Discussion started with some of the soft cost expenses, e.g., \$42K on payroll expenses, \$20K on legal expenses, etc. Rubin questioned what MFD will get with the JUF that it doesn't have now. McNall explained that the JUF bays will be more able to accommodate modern fire engines, there will be a space for decontamination, and there will be space to store medical supplies. There will not be much space for volunteers and that will not be a recruiting draw.

Board member Miller proceeded with his report of the data collected from Millersburg, Richland, and Meridian fire stations. Miller suggested that when doing a comparison, we should be looking at the FAB of the JUF, not the entire Mosier Center. He also made a distinction between the total costs and GMP costs. The GMP gives a good look at the actual construction (hard costs) and suggested that we keep the comparison of costs limited to the GMP costs. Miller prepared a document which gave two different per-square-foot costs, with and without GMP. In all cases, the costs for the other stations were significantly less than the JUF.

McNall reminded the board that Fire has interests in the JUF beyond the FAB, for example, the Chief's office, volunteer space, and the community room.

Miller went on to suggest that a dialog between the City and Fire take place to discuss the differences between each entity's goals for their portion of the JUF.

Discussion ensued regarding the document called Mosier Center Bid Day Summary-1, which gave the three alternative costs for the JUF, but there was some confusion regarding the details of report.

Other discussion points:

- Looking at the JUF as two different structures to determine cost per square foot
- Getting started on the Fire side of the JUF (not possible as the City has the relationships with the architect, project manager, etc.)
- How much is the net zero aspect of the building adding to the cost?
- If the cost of the FAB were separated out, it would make the square foot cost of the Main building even higher?

- Fire acknowledged that the City has additional goals to consider regarding the JUF, e.g., anchoring the downtown, having a building that stands out, is significant. The City has a different constituency to answer to than Fire, contributing to the existing communication challenges.
- What are the Fire goals? What can we offer to the City? How important to the City are design goals?
- Do we need to stay on this path we've been on for several years, not having started construction, or do we reevaluate?
- Is Mosier Fire seen as being late to the process? Do we have solutions to bring?

Reeves stated that he'd like to sit down with the City Council. Miller reported on a recent conversation with a city council person who revealed seeing that nothing was happening and feeling out of the loop in terms of the plans and challenges.

Reeves asked the board if they wanted to hire a consultant to look at the GMPs to evaluate, determine if there is something comparable that we can afford, or to identify cost-saving areas that we could present to the City. Miller proposed first making a presentation to the city council with our findings, secondly proceeding with a consultant to see if the plans can be significantly revised.

Reeves asked the board for direction. Goter advocated for getting a consultant. McNall suggested the Boardman owner's representative, Darren Sweeney, and forwarded contact information to Reeves and Miller.

Reeves stated that \$1.3M has been spent, but we're not sure where it went, and questions whether we should ask that Chief Carlson be included in discussions of JUF expenditures. Miller suggested following Rubin's proposal to talk to City County about comparable fire stations and the possibility of changing the JUF design. Board agreed.

Rubin made a **motion** to have Miller replace Rubin as MFD representative on the JUF committee. Seconded by Goter, approved unanimously.

Hiring consultant deferred pending meeting with City.

Decision to have a joint meeting with City. Reeves will call Mayor to proceed. Miller requested information from project manager at Boardman. McNall will facilitate.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 1754.

Next month's board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024.