

Richland County Joint Ambulance Committee:  
Strategic Planning for EMS Subcommittee

March 12, 2020

Minutes

Present: Brian McGraw, Sharon Schmitz, Bob Holets, Mary Rognholt, Glen Niemeyer, Darin Gudgeon.

Not Present: N/A

1. Meeting was called to order at 19:01.
2. Notification of the meeting had been made and the agenda was posted.
3. Committee attendance was as noted above, with a quorum.
4. A motion was made by Holets to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Niemeyer. The agenda was approved.
5. A motion was made by Niemeyer to approve the previous Subcommittee meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Schmidt. The motion carried.
6. Sharon Schmitz was nominated at the fifth subcommittee member. McGraw made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Schmitz, seconded by Holets. Motion carried.
7. In election for subcommittee chair, Holets nominated Niemeyer; Niemeyer declined. McGraw resigned his Vice Chair position and was nominated by Niemeyer, seconded by Schmitz. Motion carried. By unanimous ballot, McGraw is the Subcommittee chair. Vice Chair election will be on the next committee agenda.
8. Discussion started on B. Holets stated he had had a conversation with Gregg Vetesnik regarding that building. He recognized that the building was vacant, while REC was not. The Vetesnik building price was set at \$400,000 and the insurance money following the fire has to be put into the building. Holets stated that he did not feel the building was worth the quoted price. Rognholt stated she felt that building location was more preferred regarding the park and was not far from the stoplights. McGraw stated that the building did not appear to fit the facility requirements of allowing for future growth, as it only had room for three bays. Niemeyer wondered if the bays could be located in the front rather than the initially proposed location in the back. The retaining wall condition was also discussed. Holets stated he was interested in an estimate of the cost of function in either building. McGraw stated he was unsure of how much work either option would need to meet the service's needs. On item A., the need to set up a tour of the REC building was identified as some members had not toured it. Gudgeon stated that the REC building was appraised at \$550,000, which they had originally asked \$600,000 for. He believed there was potential to negotiate their asking price down to the appraised value. He didn't feel it would take much work to get it to meet the current needs, though a qualified inspector would need to ensure it met codes for the intended use. The house was discussed. Access to the building for EMS response was discussed for safety considerations. Gudgeon stated there were a few options that could work, such as a simple policy for responders up to the City shutting down traffic on that block of Jefferson. A similar policy would need to be

established for the Vetesnik building due to Jefferson School as well. Gudgeon stated that the REC building would be available allowing for 90 days for REC to move their operations. For C., in order for complete discussion, an estimate on the work and cost needs is necessary. Gudgeon recommended if the Vetesnik building is being considered, an appraisal should be ordered for accurate comparison. Schmitz made a motion to suggest the Joint Ambulance Committee order an appraisal of the Vetesnik building, seconded by Niemeyer; motion carried.

9. There was discussion on whether this should take place for both buildings. Peter Reed with Keller Architects was working with the Vetesnik building. A blue print was requested of the REC building.
10. Niemeyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Schmitz. The meeting was adjourned at 20:48.