

CPST Commission Meeting Minutes

4-11-2022 – 5:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Lisa Toland
Renee Joiner
Cornelius Cromer
Alison Johnson
Mike Reid
Roy McClurkin
Harry Werts

Staff Present: Karen Brehmer, Deputy Administrator
Crystal Waldrop, Procurement Director
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director

Others Present: Theodore Dubose, Esquire
Kyle Clampitt, Alliance Consulting

Media Present: Andrew Wiggers, Newberry Observer

Chairwoman Toland called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mike Reid, Commissioner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 – Additions, Deletions & Adoption of Agenda.

Ms. Toland had one correction to the agenda under item number 4 project presentation. Strike “Opera House Foundation.” The Opera House Foundation is not affiliated with this project, only City of Newberry and Newberry County. Renee Joiner made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected; seconded by Roy McClurkin; motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Guidance for Project Presentations - Karen M. Brehmer, Deputy Administrator

Ms. Brehmer stated that Mayor Hollingsworth, Town of Whitmire, had a conflict tonight. He has asked to be placed on the April 18, 2022, agenda for the 8:20 PM presentation slot.

Item 4 – Project Presentations

Ms. Toland stated to presenters that presentations are allowed a 15-minute time limit followed by 5 minutes for questions.

7. Town of Little Mountain – Little Mountain Reunion Park Walking Trail/Lg Shelter Renovations w/Stage Conversion

Mayor Jana Jayroe

- Construction of a walking trail.

- Renovation of picnic pavilion area. It has not had much work in about 25 years. Fans need to be upgraded and upgrades to the roof.
- Convert stage to storage area.
- Park used for birthday parties, graduations, weddings.
- Cost estimate \$700,000

8. City of Newberry, Newberry County – Downtown Amphitheater

Mayor Foster Senn and County Councilman Les Hipp

- Original seating was 3,000; reduced to 1,500 with option for expansion.
- Elevated stage above the flood plain and informal seating on the upslope of Tench Street towards Main Street.
- Outdoor venue for the Opera House to present larger, less expensive shows.
- Increased green space for downtown.
- Revitalization of Scott's Creek area.
- Economic driver for the county and city.
- Potential to pay for itself.
- Bring people downtown to shop at the businesses, restaurants, etc. Will unify the community.
- Cost estimate \$4.8 million, reduced to \$3.65 million.

9. Town of Pomaria – Continue Upgrades to Old Pomaria School Building

Mayor Darryl Hentz

Priority

- Remove old wood flooring
- Upgrade window appearance at front breezeway (cafeteria)
- Upper-level hallway – floors need refinishing.
- Cost estimate \$671,745

10. Town of Prosperity – Town of Prosperity Parks Enhancements

Councilman Mike Hawkins
Karen Livingston, Town Administrator

- Langford Street Park- fencing around basketball court, resurface parking area, add picnic shelter and grills with attached ADA restrooms, expand playground with new equipment, add lighting to parking area and basketball.

Cost estimate \$855,000

- Town Center Park – Add safety barrier and signage to separate walking track from road traffic, add solar lighting, upgrade playground fixtures, add covered senior and handicap fixtures, toddler play area.

Cost estimate \$465,000

- Downtown Square – remove and relocate old gazebo, add pavilion with bench swings, brick paver sidewalk/walkway, new safe and functioning fountain, benches, lighting, signage, landscaping to include irrigation system.

Cost estimate \$190,000

- North Main Street Park – pave parking lot (phase 2 2016 CPST) – demolition of existing concession stand and wooden bleachers, construct ADA compliant restroom and concession stand, secure equipment storage room, install metal bleachers.

Cost estimate \$895,000

- Town Center Football - Soccer Field – concession stand and ADA compliant restrooms, metal bleachers, field lighting.

Cost estimate \$935,000

- Hwy 76 Park - dog park – Pedestrian walk-natural trail, install dog park complete with coated cyclone fence, benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles.

Cost estimate \$100,000

11. Building Thriving Communities Foundation, City of Newberry, Newberry County-
Renovation of Old Gallman High School “Gallman Place” Phase I

Joe McDonald, Pat Caldwell

- Gallman School built in 1954 – closed in 1970. Building was deeded to Building Thriving Communities Foundation in December 2021.
- Multi-use community center that provides programs, services, and resources to address needs across our County.
- To be a resource and education center that provides services and activities enabling individuals and families across the County to be informed, healthy, productive and engaged members of their community.
- Programs that have expressed interest in providing programming at Gallman Place: Newberry County Literacy, Newberry Family YMCA, First Steps, The Living Hope Foundation, Newberry College, Bright Beginnings, NAC, Adult Education.
- Academic Center for adults and children, offering after-school tutoring, interesting courses for adults, a book club, and summer enrichment camps.
- A gathering place
- Full kitchen equipment and installation donated by Kraft Heinz.
- Donation of 16 office cubicles, including desks and cabinets by ArctiChill.
- Impact on the community - decline property, increase in employment readiness, improvement in education, positive attitudes about community, increase in number of people fully engaged in the community.
- Cost estimate for renovation to 4 classrooms, kitchen, cafeteria, 4 restrooms and roof repair \$1.45 million.

Item 5 – Public Comments

No public comments

Item 6 – Questions/comments from Commission Members

None


Item 7 – Adjournment

Motion by Roy McClurkin; seconded by Harry Werts; motion was unanimous.

Time 7:32 P.M.

NEWBERRY COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION


Lisa Toland, Chairwoman


Karen Brehmer, Deputy Administrator

Approved: 5/16/22