

# COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## February 20, 2024

**Convened** The meeting convened at 3:37 p.m. in the Woodburn City Hall Council Chambers

### **Citizen Advisory Committee Members Present**

Frank Lonergan, Mayor	Michael Nelson
Debbie Cabrales, City Councilor	Wendy Veliz
Sharon Schaub, City Councilor	John Zobrist
Marybeth Cornwell, City Councilor	Anthony Veliz
Bernadette Krewson	Teresa Alonso Leon
Juan Bravo	Andrew Yoshihara
Kathy Figley, Chair	

**Staff Present:** Community Services Director Cuomo, Assistant City Administrator Row, Special Projects Director Wakeley, Finance Director Turley, Economic Development Director Johnk, Aquatics Supervisor Powers, Economic Development Specialist Maxwell, Rare AmeriCorps Member Betancourt, Events and Special Programs Manager Duran, Community Relations Manager Herrera, City Recorder Pierson

### **Others Present:**

Mark Parker, Rose City Philanthropy  
Jeri Alcott, Rose City Philanthropy  
Jake Weigler, Praxis Political  
Megan Wever, Praxis Political  
Ben Patinkin, Elections Strategies

### **Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Re-Introductions**

Chair Figley thanked everyone for participating on the committee and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

### **General Project Update**

Community Services Director Cuomo provided a general update on the project.

### **Rose City Philanthropy Updates**

Mark Parker, with Rose City Philanthropy reported that they are testing general response to the project, and they have found that there is strong enthusiasm for the scope of the project. Jeri Alcott with Rose City Philanthropy reported that they are seeing a strong willingness to contribute to the project.

### **Praxis Political Consultant Introductions, Scope, and Update**

Assistant City Administrator Row introduced Jake Weigler and Megan Wever with Praxis Political.

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Jake Weigler stated that their goal for the next few months is to help the community understand why this project is needed and what it will provide for them. Megan Wever stated that their two primary strategies are going to communication and engagement.

## **Patinkin Research Strategies – Community Election Polling Results**

Bent Patinkin, Patinkin Research Strategies, discussed the results of the election polling that was conducted. He noted that overall, the results were positive and supportive of the project.

## **Questions and next steps**

Committee members provided comments and asked questions.

**Bernadette Krewson made a motion to recommend to the City Council that we go for the full forty-million-dollar Community Center Project as illustrated and refer it to the voters for the November election.**

**John Zobrist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Figley, CHAIR

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Pierson, City Recorder  
City of Woodburn, Oregon