

## AD HOC THEATER COMMITTEE MEETING

June 16, 2020

The Ad Hoc Theater Committee of Chardon City Council met on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 5:30 PM via video conferencing system, Zoom.

Members of Ad Hoc Theater Committee present: Andrew Blackley, Deborah Chuha, Heather Means.

Others present: City Manager Randy Sharpe, Law Director Benjamin Chojnacki, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Adam Rogers, Angela Hansen, Brendan Sandham, Jim Boardwine, Fred Sternfeld, Daniel Meleski, Chris Cipriani, Cole Kornell, David Malinowski, Hannah Maxwell, Jack Anthony-Ina, Karen Porter, Kelly Miloro, Mike Butt, Paul Holm, Yvonne Thomas.

Ms. Means, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Regarding the Status of 101 and 106 Water Street Properties,** Ms. Means stated that 101 Water Street has been cleaned out and 106 Water Street is still in the process of being cleaned out. She thanked those who have assisted with the clean out of the spaces. The City is still a few steps away from having an RFP for groups to respond to.

**Regarding Responses to Questionnaire, Ms. Means thanked those who provided responses.** Common themes in the responses included:

- Partnering with the City
- Sharing resources
- Partnership with the City
- Having experience and management
- Diversified in programming
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She stated that the information will be reviewed with City staff and will be used to create a Request for Proposals.

Mr. Blackley commented that he is impressed with the caliber of respondents. A common theme he noticed was the recommendation for one organization working in partnership with the City to manage the facility. Other ideas he liked was that the facility not be used for set construction, and the suggestion to look at the financial success of the partner.

### **Public Comments**

Yvonne Thomas asked the timeline for the RFP.

Ms. Means stated that they are working diligently to create the RFP but a date has not been set.

Cole Kornell asked what information the City will supply in the RFP as far as the condition of buildings and financial terms.

Mr. Sharpe stated that a walk-thru of the buildings will be made available. Regarding financials, this has not been decided yet on how this is going to look now. He envisions a partnership with the City and use of the facilities for City programming.

Mr. Blackley stated that rent and maintenance of the buildings still needs decided on. If there is no lease, he feels the City should pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the building instead of those conducting programming.

Ms. Means stated that if groups have any questions once the RFP is out, the City will work with folks to make sure they are able to complete it.

Yvonne Thomas asked the Committee if they have ideas for youth programming.

Ms. Means stated that she wants to see children's programming and would like to see some diversity in the type of programming and the facilities used year-round.

Mr. Blackley concurred that he would also like to see more diverse programming.

#### **Regarding setting a date for the next meeting**

Mr. Sharpe stated that he will work with the park and recreation director to develop the RFP and the meeting can be set after that time for the Committee to review a draft of the RFP.

Ms. Means stated that the Clerk of Council will notify interested persons when the next meeting date is set.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - none.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Blackley asked if the questionnaire responses can be

compiled in one document.

Ms. Means stated that she will work on that.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Blackley moved and Mrs. Chuha seconded to adjourn. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM

Attest:

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Clerk of Council