

MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PALMER CITIZEN CASINO IMPACT STUDY COMMITTEE
GENERAL GROUP MEETING 12
PALMER TOWN BUILDING, MEETING ROOM 1
JULY 9, 2008 – 6:30 PM

Meeting opened at 6:35 pm by Anthony Dimitropolis, Vice Chair.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT Gerald Chudy, Anthony Dimitropolis, CathyAnn Gehlhausen, Mickey Ghosh, George Roy, Stephen Sears, Michael Swiatlowski, Paul Wisnewski

ABSENT Charlotte Burns, Rocqueline Blazejowski, Albin Les, Joseph Mastalerz, Gene Olearczyk, Mark Shea, Carol Sugrue

MINUTES APPROVAL

Review of minutes for General Meeting 9:

S. Sears would like to add the following note:

- During our discussion with Northeast Reality, they repeatedly denied their interest in other locations around town, while Mr. St. Amand (Northeast Reality's liaison) acknowledged that there is interest in a second hotel site.

A discussion follows as to the whereabouts for the second hotel. Land behind Griswold Glass on Rt 20 is mentioned—the group would like clarification on this matter.

A motion was made by P. Wisnewski to accept the minutes for Meeting 9 with note. A. Dimitropolis seconded. The vote passed (8:0).

Review of minutes for General Meeting 10:

A motion was made by C. Gehlhausen to accept the minutes for Meeting 10 with a change to the last paragraph of the General Discussion (include phrase “some members”). A. Dimitropolis seconded. The vote passed (8:0).

Review of minutes for General Meeting 11:

S. Sears, absent from the meeting, asks why was there only one realtor present?

A. Dimitropolis answers that a number of realtors were invited, and Maria Donato (Re/Max Reality) was the only person available. It is discussed and agreed by the committee that an interview of one person is should be taken as opinion, whereas an interview of a panel of realtors could lead to a more overall conclusion.

A motion was made by P. Wisnewski to accept the minutes for Meeting 11. G. Roy seconded. The vote passed (8:0).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Discussion begins around sub-committee reports. P. Wisnewski feels we are very close to completing sub-reports. G. Chudy reminds all that the report will be a tool for the town to use in a negotiation process.

G. Chudy spoke with Paul Brody over the phone—Mohegan Sun has offered to attend our August 6th meeting. G. Chudy states that Mohegan Sun is currently

examining various aspects of the parcel of land as a part of their due diligence. The results should be concluded in September or October.

M. Swiatlowski asks why would we schedule a meeting with Mohegan Sun in August if new information will not be available until the fall? G. Chudy answers that Paul Brody would provide new information and offered to meet with us again.

S. Sears asks if this invitation could appear in writing so that the entire committee could be aware of the communication to and from Mohegan Sun? G. Chudy answers that he is more comfortable speaking with people. A discussion is held regarding the need for exact words and intentions.

M. Swiatlowski volunteers to correspond via email to any outside group and will forward the responses to the entire committee.

A motion is made by P. Wisnewski to have M. Swiatlowski contact Mohegan Sun to ask that their meeting be moved to a later date in the fall and also to contact Rep. Todd Smola and Sen. Steve Brewer to invite them to the PCCISC August 6th meeting. A. Dimitropolis seconded. The vote passed (8:0).

It is also discussed that Mohegan Sun should provide answers to the questions posed by Richard Fitzgerald. This will be asked in the correspondence with Mohegan Sun.

Regarding sub-committee reports, A. Dimitropolis asks that if any sub-committee is able to submit their report early, that they bring it in for review. A discussion follows about logistics of making paper copies available to the entire committee. G. Chudy will ask Pat Kennedy if they committee may use a copier in the Town Building.

M. Swiatlowski asks what the committees thoughts are on what our eventual report may look like? Will it a summary of what we have worked on? A list of recommendations? A collection of our various resources? All of the above? P. Wisnewski states that our report should contain a relatively easy-to-read summary of the various topics and also provided detailed information and/or resources as appendixes.

It is reminded that September 3rd is the sub-committee report deadline.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, August 6 – (invite Rep. Smola & Sen. Brewer as guests)

Wednesday, September 3 – all sub-committee reports DUE to the general committee

Wednesday, September 17 – review of sub-committee reports

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Dimitropolis to adjourn meeting at 8:25 pm.

C. Gehlhausen seconded. The vote passed (8:0).

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL SWIATLOWSKI.

APPROVED – SEPTEMBER 17, 2008