

**SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes**

**November 2, 2008  
Special Called Meeting**

**Members Present:** Hope Newsom, Don Daria, Sharda Khilnani, Bonita Sharpee, Sarah Bridges, Wanda Mukherjee, and Mayor Vivian Jones.

**Members Absent:** Cindy Bright, and Thelma Wright.

**Staff Present:** Carol Battle, Resources For Seniors  
Miranda Strider-Allen, Resources For Seniors

**Guest Present:** Monica Brewbaker, Quinn Berdenelli, Diane Bryant, and Mary White.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Hope Newsom called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**ACTION:** No minutes were presented.

## **ITEMS FOR AGENDA FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

None.

## **BUSINESS**

The only item of business was a discussion/review of the design for the Phase I expansion of the Northern Wake Senior Center.

Matt Hale, architect for the project, opened the discussion with an overall review of the building footprint. He discussed the orientation of the proposed expansion and the limitations due to building code restrictions on maximum square footage before fire walls have to be built. He showed the plan and discussed the changes to the hallway, kiln room, mechanical closet and storage area. These changes would create a hallway through the present kiln room and would open access to the craft and ceramic rooms. The drinking fountain would have to be moved in this design, but could be relocated at the Janitor's closet with some modifications to the design of that closet. Mr. Hale showed the back of the building with the addition and showed a proposed chimney like structure to hide the column that will be needed for the proposed folding wall in the new addition. Mr. Hale also shared the views of the higher ceilings, acoustical panels, and HVAC panels. Wiring for AV equipment was discussed. There was also some discussion about changes to the lobby area, reception area and office area. He also related to the group that adjustments would need to be made around the site during the construction period. He will explore options for parking and a construction entrance and will plan work around the program schedule for the building.

Matt Hale opened the floor for discussion. Bonita Sharpee asked how wide the new

hallway would be leading to the Kiln room. Mr. Hale stated it was eight feet wide. Wanda  
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Mukherjee asked how much money we could save if we don't include wiring for new technology. Mr. Hale said that wiring for technology now and trying to put something in for the future would not be wise. He suggested that Carol Battle start a discussion group about the new programs and possible technology needed for the new space. It was decided that Sharda Khilnani, Don Daria, Miranda Strider-Allen, and Wanda Mukherjee would serve on this group.

Ms. Strider-Allen asked if there was a reason that the craft and ceramic room were not switched. Mr. Hale stated that moving the sink may be more difficult than once thought, but it could be done if she so desired. She decided not to switch the rooms.

There was some discussion of automatic doors. Mr. Hale mentioned that a "power assist" door would be the most practical. Bonita Sharpee asked if we could have the door wing into the Kiln room so that it would be easier to get through the hall. Mr. Hale agreed and will make that change in the plans.

Carol Battle asked the group for everyone in favor of the design for the expansion to raise their hands. The plan was unanimously approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Simpson

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Hope Newsom, Chairperson