

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
March 7, 2011

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the February 22, 2011 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-23

Discussion

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An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for replacement of the entry vestibule at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium Health and Wellness Center, and declaring an emergency.

Bill Lohan stated they have had trouble with the revolving doors at the Natatorium. For the first two years, the repairs were covered under the maintenance agreement. Since then, they have been paying around \$4,000 each year to repair the doors, but the cost escalates each year. Last year, it was \$5,300 plus \$1,000 of their own labor. The door was out of service for 20 days last year. They have found that more people use the outer doors, which let's out a lot of heat. The proposal for the replacement came in \$4,000 to \$5,000 under the architect's estimate. It will be about a 10 to 11 year payback period, which is not normally strong. Reasons they want to proceed include (1) service to the customer, and (2) escalation of service costs. If they were to replace the revolving door today with the same type of door, it would cost \$95,000. What they are proposing is having two doors on the outside and four on the inside with an airlock in between them. He feels this work makes sense financially plus it will save energy. Mr. Walters stated he did some checking about making the door manual and found that it depended on the model and type of door, but felt the Nat door could probably be made manual. He asked Mr. Lohan whether he checked into that. Mr. Lohan stated he did not check into it directly in that regard. They talked about keeping the vestibule warm. Making the door manual would not help with the heat loss. Cost of energy is not coming down and their boiler does not shut off at all on some days. This package makes sense on the long pull. Mr. Walters asked if the vestibule would be added to the interior wall. Mr. Stewart stated it would be four feet from the glass on either end. It would have a glass ceiling, two doors on the outside wall and four doors on the inside wall. Mr. Walters asked what the rationale was for having this set up when the building was designed. Mr. Lohan stated that people just do not seem to be patient enough to wait for the door to move. Mr. Ihasz asked if that entrance would be able to be used during construction. Mr. Stewart stated that the entrance on the side of the building will always be open and there is an entrance off the main entrance, but there will be a couple of days when the main entrance will not be able to be used.

Mr. Ihasz moved to bring out B-23 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Mader. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.