

TOWN OF MELBOURNE VILLAGE
SPECIAL COMMISSION WORKSHOP
NOTES

Sunday February 5, 2017
2:00 TO 3:00 PM @ HESTER WAGNER COMMUNITY HOUSE

Business: Discussion of Hester Wagner Community House improvements and ideas

In attendance were Commr Sinton, Murphy, Lourcey, Calenda, Mayor Carroll; not attending were Commr Gaul and Vice Mayor McCoy. Also present were Leslie Fay, Bradley Ward, Brigitte Sinton, and Gail Griswold

The workshop began at 2:25pm and adjourned at 3:25pm

Issues and ideas discussed included:

- 1) Adding to the capacity of the building would take more than just adding space – Building codes for sprinklers, etc. might apply
- 2) Part of HWCH reserve needs to be retained against the possible need for a new septic system in the future.
- 3) A suggestion was made that a deck could be added to the front of the building, but concern was raised about retaining the historical nature of the front.
- 4) A need to improve the street appeal of the building with landscaping, etc.
- 5) Maintenance and minor improvements – finish painting windows, replace doors, make door off deck accessible.
- 6) Extensive discussion of the kitchen area.
 - Too small
 - Ill equipped
 - Right next to bathroom

Suggestions were considered to move kitchen to the other end of room, to move it to a space between bathroom doors and build half height wing walls to provide some separation, to add on to the building for a new kitchen, and to make the women's room a kitchen and the men's room a 2 stall undesignated restroom.

- 7) Provision of additional storage space, both for the building supplies and possibly for groups to rent.
- 8) Expansion of the rear deck, possibly roofed.

There was a general consensus that the items in #5 – doors and windows and accessibility, and #4 – landscaping, were ones everyone agreed on and did not require commission approval, except for expenses exceeding Mayor's approval limit.

The Commission will need to decide which ideas they are interested in pursuing at this time and who should do them.