

meeting summary:

February 20, 2018
4 – 6 pm
Fort Thomas Mess Hall

Utilities & City Owned Facilities Committee Meeting

attendees

Ron Dill	City Manager, City of Ft Thomas
Chief Mark Bailey	Fire Department, City of Ft Thomas
Adam Reis	Resident
Mark Collier	Resident
Mitch Eberenz	Duke Energy / Resident
Jerry Noran	Boone Co. Building Dept / Resident
Frank Twehues	CT Consultants
Emily Bills	CT Consultants

discussion items:

- The meeting began with an overall discussion of the importance of the Mess Hall in Ft Thomas.
 - > Surviving military building adjacent to former parade grounds.
 - > Local residents have a strong connection to the building.
 - > Aesthetically pleasing.
 - > Popular, desirable destination with affordable rental fees.
 - > Visible landmark in Tower Park with good proximity to park amenities.
 - > Desire for the Mess Hall to continue to support more ‘Passive’ uses.
 - > It was noted there is a ‘guest’ expectation of front door parking. How can we address this need (visually and physically)?
- Summary of Discussion (Existing Uses / Limitations / Potential Uses):

Existing Uses	Limitations	Potential Uses
Events - Weddings, Fundraisers, Parties	Events within Tower Park	Enhanced Wedding Party amenities
City Sponsored Movie Nights	Storage	Military History Display/Events
Exercise Classes	Loading Dock	Tourism

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Concerts	Waste Collection	Public / Private Partnerships
Theatrical Production	Parking	Use of Basement of Storage (Requires Freight Elevator)
Funeral / Memorial Services	Mobility Issues	Possible Room for Addition
City Groups	Ballfield	Increased Parking
Public Meetings	Staffing	Small meeting/break-out space
Exhibit Spaces	Daily Maintenance	Specific storage
Restrooms	No Kitchen	Co-working Space/Business Center
Primarily Weekend/Evening Uses	Size	Business Fairs
	Lack of A/V and flex furnishings at back of house	Catering or Teaching Kitchen
		Outdoor space (patio)

- Overwhelming responses:
 - > Don't lose event space.
 - > Mess Hall should be defined community meeting space (Passive); Armory should be Active space.
- Additional Comments:
 - > Current uses are primarily weekend/evenings events. Daytime uses would require staffing considerations.
- Next Meeting: TBD

The notes above reflect our best understanding of the conversations during the input meeting. If the above differs from your understanding, please kindly advise.

Respectfully submitted by,

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