

The Central Plaza Steering Committee met on May 12, 2023, at 1:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers B and discussed the following items:

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1:05pm
2. ROLL CALL.

Members Present: Dale Monroe, Cody Buelt, Mayor AbouAssaly, Patty Wise, Jamie Henley, Sara Mentzer (left at 1:24pm), Jill Ackerman (arrived at 1:27pm),

Members Absent: Audrey Kittrell, Kelsie Hoth, Nikki Kettlekamp, Jeanne Matthews, Steve Jensen, Seth Moomey, Lynn Ciha

Staff Present: Nicole Behrens, Mike Barkalow, Kim Downs

3. REGULAR AGENDA.
 - a. Discussion regarding the Depot chimney

Behrens clarified the estimated budget amount for removing the chimney/support column within the interior of the Depot and the reasoning for needing to add structural support to the roof. She also stated that roughly 5' would remain on each side of the column if left in place for people to navigate around. Barkalow mentioned that the minimum ADA requirement for passing space is 5'.

The Committee discussed that the removal of the chimney/support column makes sense as it adds to the aesthetics of the corridor area within the Depot, but also provides space for people to move more freely.

The committee was in agreement to proceed with removing the chimney/column and add support to the roof.

- b. Discussion regarding potential alternate bid items

Behrens reviewed the two alternate bid items that were previously identified by staff and shared at the April 27th meeting, historic postcard art wall and warming area. She mentioned potential items that could be considered such as reducing the number of etched murals on the ice equipment screening from 3 to 1 or 2 images and the removal of the mezzanine. She informed the group that too many alternate bid items could increase costs of items due to too many unknowns and mentioned that staff is anticipating to have value engineering occur no matter how the bids come back.

The Committee agreed to move forward with the two previously identified alternate bid items and did not add any additional ones to the list.

- c. Discussion regarding the removal of the mezzanine within the Depot

Behrens walked through the cost savings for removing the mezzanine level from the project and how the cost savings were offset by additional costs that would be incurred for redesign and finding off-site storage. She also mentioned that the redesign would take roughly 5 weeks to complete.

The Committee agreed that it did not make sense to remove the mezzanine from the project if it was going to add increased costs and push out the timeline for construction. The Committee unanimously agreed that the construction documents be sent out for bidding.

4. ADJOURN. 1:35pm

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