

Holiday Display Task Force  
Wednesday, September 5, 2007  
City Hall, 300 LaPorte Avenue  
Minutes

Meeting began at 5:05 p.m.

Those observing the meeting declined the opportunity to address the task force during public comment.

The task force discussed what consensus means with the following statements used to help facilitate the process.

- 1). I believe I understand your point of view.
- 2). I believe you understand my point of view.
- 3). Whether or not I prefer this decision over all others, I will support it because it was arrived at in an open and fair manner.

Comments from the task force:

- Consensus implies agreement.
- The task force can support a decision and still disagree.
- The task force can recognize that the recommendation given might be the best that they can do with the resources given.
- General agreement not unanimous.
- Items 1 and 2 must be met in order to arrive at item 3.
- There will be differences within the task force.
- Change the wording in item 3 from support to respect.
- There is a difference in respecting the process to arrive at a recommendation.
- Will a total consensus strengthen any recommendation given to Council?
- Consensus implies a degree of compromise.
- Will there be room to provide a minority report.

The task force then began discussion regarding: “What are the objectives as a community?”

Comments from the task force:

- The Latin definition of community is; with unity.
- Provide integrity with the broader community.
- Build & sustain unity.
- Mutual respect.
- Inclusive not exclusive.
- Appreciate diversity (affirm the diversity within the community).
- Live up to and maintain positive reputation.
- Reflect multi-cultural aspects of our community.
- Avoid favoritism and appearance of favoritism.
- Reflect historical facts and accuracy.
- Honest.
- Open minded.

- Illustrate the community as a positive role model for everyone including youth and students within the community.
- Build on and educate our community in a responsible manner around diversity.
- Have a display that makes people feel welcomed not alienated.
- Maintain a fair, open and democratic process.
- Display should be festive (should be both/and not either/or).
- Foster, promote and protect diversity. Protect from discrimination.
- Celebrate diversity. Express inclusiveness. Acknowledge and recognize diversity with appreciation.
- Create a proactive foundation to be inclusive into the future even as demographics change.
- Find a long lasting solution and policy.
- Advocate pluralism. Create a public policy that addresses pluralism.
- Explore commonalities.
- A holiday display should be educative.
- When creating a recommendation must include value added component.
- We must do what is right for the community.
- Encompass joy within our community.
- Make this a cultural celebration not a religious celebration.
- Provide inspiration with the joy.

The task force members would like to continue with the straw poll. Not all members were able to provide input due to the short turn around time. This information will continue to be sent to Tess Heffernan to compile.

#### Staff Assignments:

- Caroling at museum; find out
  - 1). who sponsors?
  - 2). who selects the song list?
  - 3). who designs program?
- Research to see if Fort Collins has ever had a living crèche
- Research if there are any pictures of previous year displays

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.