

Laurie Oberholtzer – Stated there was a draft letter included in the packet; encouraged renting NCE to a Charter School; worried about other uses that could go there other than a school; owed it to our ancestors to keep our town school; we need Council's help.

Roxanne Gilpatric, Superintendent of Schools – Stated the School Board is following legal process of the mandate of the State; the Board is following the letter of the law and had to deny Charter School. She strongly stated that the School Board has not heard that the courts are interested in the NCE property.

Andrew Howard, 528 E. Broad Street – Indicated that the loss of the courthouse downtown would cause businesses to lose business in town.

Robert Wiener, 174 Grove Street – Stated he was a resident, shopkeeper, and on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce but speaks as an individual. Stated concern when he heard the City possibly losing the courthouse in town; Chamber gave letter to the City to keep courthouse in downtown; we are limited to options and businesses are concerned. Not in favor of losing NCE but concerned to Nevada City's vitality but if the school property is only option we need to consider it.

Ana Crockett, 538 Main Street – Stated that the safety and traffic impact on their home would be detrimental; to see it anything but a school would be devastating; it was a safe place for the kids.

Andrea Fox, 408 Factory Street – Stated that a school is the heart of a community.

Abigail Givens, 11650 Banner Mountain Trail – Stated that the Council has a lot they can say about this. The State of California has preservation of schools and courthouse sites; we need much closer contacts with the State and demonstrate what a small town can offer.

John Givens, 11650 Banner Mountain Trail – Looking to Council for leadership and help to the Board of Education; requests Council take a position for NCE to be used for educational purposes only.

Public Comment – Closed

- Councilmember McKay – Indicated that Council is between a rock and a hard place; that of all the neighborhoods in Nevada City, there's not another like the NCE neighborhood; it's historic. Stated that he could not picture a big courthouse in that neighborhood; realizes that we need the courthouse in town. Feels Council needs more information; not to give up and look into other options. Once you go one direction it's hard to turn back; need to be proactive.

Councilmember Harris – Stated this is an emotional topic; agrees with Councilmember McKay in the heat of vitality downtown, neighborhoods and schools; keep current courthouse site for the courthouse; need to keep insisting and influencing that is the right location for it; likes what Abigail Givens said and we should press forward on the preservation concept.

- Councilmember Senum – Agreed with Councilmember Harris; suggested looking at Highway 49, cover it and put the courthouse there; located at Highway 49 would bring community together; demand more from the state; they need to realize their decision determines our fate as a community.

- Vice Mayor Strawser – Agrees with Councilmember's McKay, Harris and Senum; supports Council to provide a letter; City doesn't control demographics; doesn't support courthouse on NCE school site. The local judges have a big say and suggested that everybody needs to take this message directly to them, not just the Council.

- Mayor Bergman – Stated that the AOC is going to build a courthouse; the committee is passionate about keeping it where it is; supports letter but can't address the technical aspects; agree whole heartedly that NCE stays; asked if school could be used temporarily as an interim location while renovating the existing site; shared concerned of some wording in the draft letter and offered to write a new letter.

Direction: Mayor Bergman to edit John Givens letter by next Council meeting and bring back to Council; structure to stay intact but that ideally the school to remain for long term educational purposes.

B. Subject: An Ordinance Adopting the 2010 California Building Codes Which Takes Effect January 1, 2011.

Action: Item 6.B. pulled from agenda

C. Subject: Report on Town Hall Meeting "Does Nevada City Have a Police Problem?" – Darrin Barry and Gordon Landon

Action: Item 6.C pulled from agenda at the request of Mr. Barry.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A.** Letter from Jonathan Lehmer Stating his Appreciation for his Experience as the Summer Intern While Home From Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- B.** Notice from NCTV Regarding Scheduling Conflict Protocol
- C.** Invitation from the Office of the Mayor of Grass Valley to Attend a "City Star" Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on October 23rd for Gerard Tassone
- D.** Thank You Note from Stacey Colin for Expediting the Completion of the Broad Street Project with the Least Impact on Businesses.
- E.** Broad Street is Beautiful Note From Patti Foster
- F.** Thank You Note from Carol Kendrick, Retired Public Employees Association for City Employee's Response to a Problem at the Picnic Grounds.
- G.** Letter from the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce Supporting More Overnight Lodging Within the City Limits.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councilmember McKay stated that the Studio Arts tour was successful.
- Councilmember Senum reminded everyone about the Farmers Market on Saturdays.
- Vice Mayor Strawser reminded everyone that the Pioneer Park Master Plan meeting is Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Semans Lodge.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Action: Received and filed.

10. CLOSED SESSION:

None

Action: Motion made by Harris, seconded by McKay to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.
(Approved 5 – 0)

Robert Bergman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Niel Locke, City Clerk