

May 13, 2012

Dear Members of the Town Board,

The members of the Community Center Committee have been meeting together since March 8th. Our mission is to have a center that will provide activities, both recreational and professional, that will enhance the quality of life for the residents of Long Beach and the Long Beach Community. It was agreed upon that the building should remain for mixed use. ...business rentals and as a community center. In order to provide recreational and professional services within this facility, it is our recommendation that:

... The building changes it's name from : The Old School Community Center. to. The Long Beach Community Center

...Building repairs need to be attended to-ex. new roof

...The committee needs the approval to hire a cleaning service.

...We would like to secure the Kindergarten room for a community access center/Historical room. This room would be utilized by the community for meetings, tutoring , pot lucks, story hour, programs, speakers, intervention groups, tax help, ensembles, visiting artists, receptions, and recreational groups. The possibilities are endless and could be within a Historical setting. Architecturally, the community deserves the rights to this most interesting room in the school. To lifelong residents , past and present, it is a piece of history in itself. It holds a great deal of memories for the Notre Dame and Long Beach students from this area , all of whom started Kindergarten here.

...The library room , off the courtyard, and the gym need to be retained, and the kitchen needs a working stove in order to rent it out properly.

...We would also like the permission to paint and set up the front lobby, in order to be appealing when you first walk in. We need to create a WOW factor when you first step inside. It needs to be done in a Taliesin pallet, keeping true to the John Lloyd Wright spirit of the building. The windows need to be uncovered, and the following items need to be purchased or donated. ..inside the front doors a directory is needed for the businesses, a kiosk to house brochures, like, The Beacher, business information, and more. A podium; housing a guest book and a few pieces of prairie style furniture in the lobby could be a very warm, and welcoming entrance, where by a person could sit a spell and talk with their neighbor .

...The facility needs a director so that the right hand knows what the left hand is doing. A director can organize, schedule and oversee all activities , and promote and provide events to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Long Beach and the beach community.

...It is also recommended that we be allowed to recreate Bear Forest and beautify the courtyard. We have a fundraising idea for this , which was suggested by Donna Shindler

Sweeney, from Atlanta. The courtyard would make such a nice place for small wedding receptions, concerts, or just people to be able to sit outside and visit with one another.

... We would also like to seek permission to start a fund raiser called ... The Historical Walkway Project. We would need your permission to take up the front walkway of the school, and replace it with engraved bricks. The sale would spearhead the start of bringing the center back to life. Depending on it's success, other entryways could be incorporated. It is our intention to tap into all of our Beach residents of the past, present, and summer. **Read article insert for the Beacher. Tim Austin's estimate to set the bricks in sand is forthcoming.

In summary, your committee for the community center has been working hard on plans, in order to develop a community center that will provide activities, both recreational and professional, that will enhance the quality of life for the residents of Long Beach and the Long Beach Community. This 85 year old John Lloyd Wright building is a treasure, and needs to become the heart and soul of "The Beach" once again. I would like to end with some words that were spoken by Robert Frost. "I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep."

Respectively submitted by,

The Community Center Committee :
Debbie Steele-Semla , Jane Neulieb , Lisa Albers , Pat McDonald and members