

**Hames long-term planning**  
**February 19, 2008**  
**12:00 pm**

**In attendance:** Curt, Lynne, Joe, Lisa, Gretchen, Matthew, Kayla

**Building assessment:** list of needs completed, but he wasn't planning to give cost estimates; Joe will talk to Russ to see if the report can be done by early next week.

**Norm Down**

Norm plans to visit Sitka next week and start the process of helping us develop a strategic plan. Curt envisions that this will be an information-gathering trip – have him walk through the building, talk with various people involved from different angles, give him history and background. Suggested he talk with two Assembly members: Jack (in favor) John S (not in favor). Also Keith Perkins.

Group has also talked about putting together a full draft of business plan and operating plan – essentially, everything we would need to put before any entity we were approaching to request sponsorship or partnership. Committee reminded Curt that they hope Norm can help us identify the key components we would need in such a plan; and perhaps help us determine a route with his ideas.

Curt feels it may be worth it to have him watch some of the Assembly tapes – Lynne and Joe will borrow from city.

Norm will probably meet with several of us individually; group meeting scheduled Wednesday at 10.

**Rasmuson** - Lisa talked to Helen Howarth.

Gave her background info; idea was to ask them for a certain amount of money if we got the voters to support a bond; they prefer to come in at the end, probably not more than \$1 million; she said as soon as we know the cost estimates on building, write the letter of interest; if we get voter support through special election, then submit full proposal for Tier 2 – they may fund in December. Really like to see that the project has other support. We can also submit letter for Tier 1 (\$25,000) for equipment.

Lynne and Lisa – **Denali Commission** made call for economic development issues to inform them about rural communities; they wrote to them, included requests for money from them. May want the city to invest in a trip up there to present to them in person. (Steps grant could include travel to go present to Denali Commission).

**Assembly Report:** Need to fill in blanks on revenues

**Fire Dept:** volunteers are still not paying, and some firemen.

Kayla will count how many have come in – we'll send them a bill for \$3.50 per visit. Still need some agreement with school district about SHS use.

**April 5 Sock Hop:** Muskeg Blues (Charlie) available to play also; ask Denton to DJ, or a kid? Need Sock Hop planning meeting.