

**Joint Meeting:  
Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission and  
Robin Hood Theater Association**

**March 19, 2002  
7:00 p.m.  
Old School House**

The Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission and the Robin Hood Theater Association will be meeting with Mayor Cottle and City Manager Ross Schultz to discuss the Robin Hood Theater.

**Background:**

In recent efforts to make improvements to the Robin Hood Theater a new problem was found. Three of the eight support beams for the ceiling have significant cracks and pose a serious safety concern. Repairing these beams will cost an additional \$50,000. This brings up the question of if it is wise for the City to continue to put money into a deteriorating building, or if the City should look at building a new Theater/Cultural Art Center along with the new Library. Below is an estimate of the total anticipated cost of doing the theater improvements. Please take the time to review the figures below and come prepared to make some recommendations as to what the City's direction should be.

**Estimated Repair Costs**

Lobby/Concession Renovation	\$30,000
Tuck pointing the Wall	\$38,000
Repair Ceiling behind Stage	\$6,000
Repair Beams	\$50,000
ADA Minimum Requirements	\$7,000
ADA Restrooms	?
Insurance Required Upgrades	?
Insurance Increase	?
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,000+</b>

**Issues to be addressed:**

Does the City continue to put money into this building? When is it too much?

Would the community like a new Theater/Cultural Art Center next to the new library?

## Minutes from Cultural Arts Commission Meeting

March 19, 2002

Approved

The meeting began at 7:00 pm, Present at the meeting were;

Soulayvanh Beisel	Resident
Sue Hall	Resident
Sara Abel	Resident
Sondra Pearlman	Non-Resident

City Representatives present were;

Kristen Carey	Staff
Ross Schultz	Staff
Michael Moore	Staff
Ann Roseberry	Staff

**Others Present:** From the RHTA: Sara Abel, Linda Woodbury, Cynthia Warmenhoven, Simon Williams, Ode Gribble. From City Council: Mayor Cottle, Keith Mays. From SURPAC: Jim Patterson. All present introduced themselves.

### Meeting called to Order

### Adjustments to Agenda

Agenda was adjusted to accommodate a joint meeting with the RHTA and the Cultural Arts Commission.

### Approval of Minutes

**Sara motioned that the minutes from the February 19, 2002 meeting be approved. Sue Hall seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.**

Ross began with discussion of the RHT and the current situation of recently discovered cracks in the ceiling support beams. A handout of repair estimates noted the approx. cost of beam repair at \$50,000. Also noted were other repairs and current lobby/concession renovations for an approx. total of \$131,000+.

Ross had asked the SCAC and RHTA for their recommendations on continuing to spend money on the Robin Hood Theater. Open discussion followed. The ultimate goal of Performing Arts was to have a facility.

Mayor Cottle mentioned that he would be willing to recommend to City Council, that if the RHT were to close, that Council may be able approve money (i.e. \$10,000 per year) for RHTA advertising and support the relocation of performances for the association, including working with the Sherwood School District for use of the High School auditorium and covering any fees associated with that use.

The timeline of a new facility was discussed, possibly 18 months to 2 years.

Linda Woodbury reminded the group of Resolution 2000-916 passed by Council in December of 2000, awarding Robin Hood Theater & the Old School House \$750,000 for renovations. Open discussion followed.

The group was informed that by doing these repairs to the RHT, we still were not addressing the ADA and seismic upgrades issues. At some point, we will be required to do this if we continue to put money into the building. This could be \$600,000 to \$700,000.

Selling the Theater was another option mention. If the theater was closed, the option of boarding up the theater verses tearing it down was discussed.

Ross informed the group that it would cost approx 6.9 million for the new facility. This would include, possibly 3 floors: Library, Community Center sharing a common wall, commercial space and City hall. Also but not limited to the Garagus building site (possibly for parking), road construction and other related expenses.

Mayor Cottle mentioned the hopes of maybe selling the Old School House to the Sherwood School District.

Mayor Cottle's goal was to go out to bid on the new facility be Dec 02. Ross did not think this was realistic and the timeline would be further out, considering all factors involved.

Jim Patterson from SURPAC (Sherwood Urban Renewal Policy Advisory Committee) informed and assured the group that the committee fully supports the new facility.

Mayor Cottle recommended a joint session with City Council and SURPAC to discuss recommendations for the new facility. Date suggested was next council meeting 3/26.

Mayor Cottle requested a budget from the Cultural Arts Commission for this next budget year.

**Sondra Pearlman motioned to recommend to City Council that a Performing Arts Center be built in the new facility and to allocate the estimated repair money of \$131,000 to the Robin Hood Theater Assoc. for advertising and support during the transition period to a new facility. Sue Hall second the motion, all in favor. Motioned passed.**

**Sondra Pearlman motioned that the Cultural Arts Commission be fully involved with the design of the new facility. Sue Hall second the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.**

Sondra Pearlman commented that the closure of the Theater should be the decision of the City, not the Cultural Arts Commission.

Ross informed the group that he would be meeting with the City Engineer and the Building official on 3/20 to discuss the safety issues of the Theater. And he would also

contact Rob Saxton regarding the use of the High School auditorium for the RHTA performances.

The following conclusions were made:

1. Recommend the City proceed with the closure of the Robin Hood Theater.
2. The SCAC wants to be involved in the design of the new facility.
3. To have the Theater be part of the new facility.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m

### **Next meeting**

Tuesday, April 16, 7pm at the Old School House.