



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works and Facilities Committee

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Thursday, August 21, 2014

9:30 AM

City Hall Conference Room, 416 N. Franklin Street

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:01 by Meg Courtney.

### ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Dave Turner and Meg Courtney

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was approved

1. Approve Minutes of July 17, 2014

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

### CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

### MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

2. Receive Report Regarding Potential Use of a Vacant Room at City Hall to Incubate a Fort Bragg Art Center and Provide Direction to Staff

City Manager Ruffing introduced item in Community Development Director's absence. She noted Noyo Center is located in a separate office on that side of building. There are some structural issues with the building primarily relating to the swimming pool section and that's why this item is coming to this committee.

The following was noted during discussion of this item:

- Janet Self, director, gave background on Flockworks. They have worked with many schools in the area. Have moved into murals as well. They were offered a gift of a letterpress and additional items. They anticipate getting one or two etching presses as well. With this location she imagines next summer having visitors stop in to see art.
- Jonathan Palmer, who is a teacher at Mendocino College is also an artist and involved with this project and mentioned this would be a way to involve the community in the arts. In his opinion, the space is large enough for what they need it for.
- Councilmember Turner asked about the business model. Ms. Self stated they have no concrete plan yet. The plan is to get a space, begin, and then figure it out. She is a volunteer executive director. Mr. Palmer stated it would just be the two of them. They also have an advisor who used to be the Dean of the SF Art Institute.

Tour was taken of space by everyone present. It was stated that everything they use during the artistic process is "green" and there are no toxic chemicals. Director Varga mentioned that if the Council decides to allow the lease he wants to get a building inspector in there to verify safety. Safety is paramount. Also, he would need to confirm utilities, heating, electrical, what kind of upgrades are needed, and what the cost would be.

City Manager Ruffing summarized by stating this item will be brought to the City Council during the first meeting in October with an assessment of safety of the space, as well as an improvements necessary to accommodate this use by Public Works Director Varga. If feasible, there would also be a recommendation regarding how to structure a lease with Flockworks.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned by Meg Courtney at 10:30.**