



**City Manager's Report
January 27, 2015 City Council Meeting
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Item#:

Subject: Review proposed guidelines for a Blue Ribbon Committee to develop alternatives for future development of the Historic Placerville Court House.

Background: For some time the City and County have worked together to keep the Court House in Placerville. The State has been working with the County to identify sites for a new Court House. After extensive studies and research, a site adjacent to the County Jail off of Forni Road was identified as the preferred site. The County and the State have been working together to negotiate the terms for development of the site. Last year the State began development of the Draft Environmental Impact Report. That report has now been completed and the State is working on the final EIR for adoption. Construction is proposed for the project beginning in 2016 with completion in 2018. Based on that timing, it was recommended that a Blue Ribbon Committee be established to develop options for future uses of the Historic Court House on Main Street once the courts move out. Since the committee was approved, staff has been working on potential makeup up and scope for the committee.

Discussion:

The Historic Placerville Court House brings foot traffic to downtown Placerville and therefore increases business. With the proposed closing of the Court House, it is proposed that a committee be established to look at potential uses once the Courts vacate the building. Staff, in conjunction with County staff have developed the attached draft guidelines for the Blue Ribbon Committee. In addition, we have developed a recommended structure and appointment process for the committee.

The committee will be an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to both the City Council and the Board of Supervisors. Attached is a proposed outline of the scope and a draft application. It is proposed that the committee consist of 10 members as follows:

City Residents:	3
County Residents:	3
Placerville Business Owners:	4 (At least one from Placerville Downtown)

It is recognized that depending on those interested in serving on the committee, the total number could vary. However the total should not exceed 12 members. The City and the County will jointly issue an announcement of the committee appointments. It is proposed that applications be submitted by March 5, 2015. Applications will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Placerville. These are only recommendations from staff at this time and we are open to other recommendations of committee makeup.

Once the applications are received they will be screened by a committee of two Council Members and two Board Members. Final Selection will be made by a joint meeting of the Council and the Board.

Options:

1. Approve the scope and makeup of the Committee as recommended.
2. Provide recommended changes to either the scope or makeup.
3. Defer approval of the committee at this time.
4. Direct staff to provide additional information.

Cost: There is no identified cost at this time other than minimal staff time to announce opening on the committee and potential advertising costs. Staff feels those costs can be absorbed in the current budget.

Budget Impact: No impact expected at this time, however there may be some costs of the committee once it starts. Those will be identified and brought back to the Council at a future meeting if necessary.

Recommendation: Review proposed guidelines for a Blue Ribbon Committee to develop alternatives for future development of the Historic Placerville Court House.

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Attachments:

1. *Historic Placerville Court House Blue Ribbon Committee Application*