

**The Community Voice of Dove Creek  
Minutes  
Monday, November 19, 2018 – 5:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.  
Community Center**

**Resident Team Members Present**

**Jan Agardy  
Kim Alexander  
Madalyn Baker  
Chelsea Garchar  
Cecil Martin  
Robbie Nelson  
Adam Nelson**

**Resident Team Members Absent**

**Lindsay Cressler  
Ellen Warren**

**Guests**

**Staff Present**

**Ronda Lancaster, Community Coordinator  
Heather Nielson, Community Outreach Coordinator**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

The meeting was called solely to talk about available space for relocation of the office.

**DISCUSSION OF SPACES AVAILABLE**

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

It was decided that the space was not suitable for our needs. The area would not have a kitchen and would be one large room for office space as well as meeting space. Parking was also a concern.

**DENTAL CLINIC BUILDING**

It was the consensus of the Resident Team Members who had visited the building that the building was dark, would take a tremendous amount of repair and that the building had asbestos. The building was broken up into many small spaces and did not have an area adequate for a meeting space. The space would be good for a co-working space. The building had an area for a kitchen but did not have kitchen appliances. This building did have abundance of parking and could have provided for a community garden. The monthly rent was \$900 if we occupied the space alone and \$1,000 if we sublet some of the space.

## CREEK HOUSE

The consensus of the Resident Team was that the building would work for our needs although it was larger than we need. There were many positives with the area for a community garden, large back yard that could be used for community functions, youth voice, and Resident Team meetings. The space upstairs could have been used for co-working spaces or classes. The building had a kitchen that could be used.

The building was not located in a visible part of town. The monthly rental was more than we felt would fit within our budget at \$925/month plus utilities. The landlord did pay water for the garden area.

## CAHONE BUILDING AND GUYRENE STREET SPACE

The decision came down to these two locations. There was extensive discussion with pros and cons for each location.

The Cahone Building is very visible on Highway 491 with an abundance of parking. The building had just been put on the market with Loren and Linda Workman purchasing the building. There was an uncertainty of when the closing would take place. The Workmans were told that the closing could happen the next Monday or Wednesday. The building needs a tremendous amount of work and it had been reported that there was asbestos in the building. The Workmans were also going to out of the area until after Thanksgiving making it hard for The Community Voice to be moved by November 30<sup>th</sup> when our lease would be up. There was a concern that there would be construction for a period even after we had moved in. Monthly rental was reasonable being \$450.00 for about the same amount of space we had at the Pinon Building and \$525.00 if we chose to occupy two spaces with utilities included. A shared meeting room and kitchen would be available with The Community Voice having first choice for the meeting room. The opportunity to gain participation from Cahone residents was a positive for this building. Another plus for this location was a more reliable internet service from Farmer's Telephone.

Although the cost of the rent was very reasonable, the cost for travel to and from Dove Creek for local meetings would increase the cost for occupying the Cahone Building.

The concerns of leasing a portion of this building was the asbestos, continued construction, travel for staff to attend meetings, and the timing of the construction.

The Guyrene Street Building is not very visible. We would need to work very hard to get the word out to community members of where we are located. The monthly rent was high at \$775/month plus utilities. Utilities run about \$85.00/month. The space was ready to have us move in and would fit our needs. There is space in the backyard for a community garden, but The Community Voice would need to pay the water bill. There is a kitchen, space for a meeting room, child care and two separate offices. The meeting tables could be left up all the time.

A motion was made to lease the mobile home on Guyrene Street by Madalyn Baker. Chelsea Garchar seconded the motion. Three Governance Team Members voted in favor, two Governance Team Members voted against. The motion carried with a majority voted for.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.