



WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held October 22, 2003, for the purpose of holding a public forum on Greenbelt Theatre renovation.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:00 p.m. It was held in the Greenbelt Theatre.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Alan Turnbull, Thomas X. White and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Nicole DeWald, Arts Coordinator; Carolyn Clemens, Public Works Superintendent; Kristen Ward, Community Planner; Jill Parsons-St. John, Museum Curator and David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager.

Also present were the theater operator, Paul Sanchez, and members of the general public.

The meeting began with a presentation by Melissa Cohen, the City's project architect from GTM Architects. Ms Cohen described her firm and summarized their recent projects. She also introduced the other consultants involved in the project (Hurst & Associates, Robert Skillman Associates, EHT Traceries)

Emily Eig with EHT Traceries (an architectural history and historic preservation consultant) provided information on the history of the theater industry and how the Greenbelt Theatre fits into that history.

Members of the audience were encouraged to provide comments, questions and ideas regarding the Theatre, the renovation project and possible future uses. The items raised were written on a flip chart. The consultants responded to questions and comments where appropriate. A summary list of the comments and ideas raised was produced by the architect.

The meeting ended at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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