

Community Meeting, Saturday, October 27, 2018

School Improvement Comments - Total = 23

From Online Form:

#1

- Keep library. Get non-practice stuff out of gompa plan - can anyone really imagine computer workstations or sewing machines in the gompa at Merigar???

#2

- Thanks to all Gakyil members and active participating members local to the Gar. It seems important to put these improvement funds toward improving what people see first and use most ie; the entry, the dorms, the Gonpa as a clean newly carpeted or other flooring option, possible change of lighting for more inviting atmosphere and painting walls and ceilings. I don't think now is the time to make big renovations but improvements, efficiency upgrades, and making these used spaces more useable, attractive and clean.

#3

- Improvements are beyond necessary.
- The dorm improvements sound fine. It would be nice for retreats if there were larger table space for family meals which retreat participants could utilize. In fact, modernizing the entire kitchen area would be a good idea if possible.
- SSI needs to be kept informed of plans, as Will mentioned.

#4

- Priorities: I want to see the dorms made beautiful and useful to give us more income. I want to see the foyer made nicer and more informative to greet people in a nicer way.

#5

- I know that I will support the schoolhouse improvement proposal, so I will send this now.
- I hope there will be a chance to add our ideas to this proposal and that it will continue to evolve

#6

- Thanks to everyone for keeping the conversation open. I like the plans and also understand the need to continue to refine the purposes of the spaces on 1st floor. Many thanks to everyone who works long and hard for little or nothing (except merit).

From Ballot Box:

#7

- I am in favor of a facelift for the schoolhouse lobby – painting and some decorative elements. I do not think that we need a video monitor in the lobby for informational purposes
- I am in favor of a facelift for the Gonpa – painting
- I am in favor of re-organizing and fixing up the dorm space if it provides more sleeping units, income, privacy for visitors
- I am not in favor of any kind of reorganization of the first floor space. I do not see any advantage to doing this. The library space works well, the bookstore and administrative spaces do as well.
- I am not in favor of reorganizing the space in the Gonpa – creating partitions, separate rooms, etc.
- Other than the above, my long term interests for the schoolhouse are the following:
- I am interested in creating a handicapped restroom, but only to the extent that access to the first floor of the schoolhouse is handicapped accessible. I am not an expert in this area and this would require the involvement of the members of our community who are experienced contractors
- Repave the parking lot
- Assess the condition of the furnaces for both the Gonpa and the schoolhouse. We know they are not in good shape.
- Assess the condition of and need for a new roof
- Other than that, I think our infrastructure priorities should center around Khandroling – cabin maintenance, road maintenance, planning to make the Vajra Hall usable in more than the fair weather months.

#8

- Great to improve the dorm
- Great to improve the 2 bathrooms on the first floor
- Better signage for TE on public roads
- We need more discussions and agreements regarding how to preserve our library and archive
- Improve the external landscape

#9

- I am interested in collaborating on fixing up and improving our Gonpa, beautifying and making it more functional.
- I think more thought and collaboration needs to take place re: dorms, the ground floor. Many ideas need to be considered: bathrooms, maybe doing one thing at a time.

#10

- No to 1st floor reorganization at this time

- Yes to foyer facelift (paint, new furnishings, etc.)
- Yes to updating dorms
- Yes to Gonpa update - removing all the clutter that destroys the feng shui of the practice space.
- Being responsible and cognizant that we have old furnaces that might need to be replaced sooner than later, a leaky roof, and a parking lot and driveway dangerous to human balance, unattractive and unfit for business.
- Yes to group collaboration on all levels (planning, design etc)

#11

- Noticing that access to the building and parts of the building are not handicap accessible.
- Interested in main access ramp that is more useful than the one behind the building.

#12

- In favor of improvements once input from interested parties have been assimilated. Dorm=Yes, Gonpa=Yes, General renovations.

#13

- I have questions & concerns about ideas to make multi purpose rooms for public events. This building is not up to code and we have to be careful not to invite trouble. We should use our limited funds wisely to renovate in a way that brings the most benefit for us both financially and for best use of space.

#14

- \$11,000? Make priorities
- Form design consultant group for each project
- Gonpa - need updated design
- Dormitory - proposal needs more details, bathrooms inside space plan?
- Front - Please clean up the porch, more gardening, fix parking, hallway!!

#15

- More beds needed in the dormitory - only 4 beds would limit income
- Keep Library
- Foyer only needs paint for now
- Would like more input regarding the Gonpa design

#16

- I would like to see rooms being rented for lots and lots of money, Cafe, Massage, Art and Language.

#17

- Dorm, bathroom, gompa are priorities
- First floor needs further discussion
- Please do not remove throne from Gompa

#18

- Interested in revitalizing Gompa, Dormitory and Front Hall Foyer

#19

- I would like to have an opportunity to go over these beautiful floor plans in person, because I don't understand floor plans well and I like the overall ideas. Thanks for all you work Bret!

#20

- Regretfully I do not see via diagrams - it's a really good one - so I don't understand the relationship of proposed changes to promoting better use of space(s) also connected to increasing income.

Late Submissions

#21

having been to more meetings than i care to remember, the one last Sat was one of the best. My compliments to AI for doing a great job at being a moderator, i would also say that i have great faith in both the yellow's and blue's in being able to sheppard the Community through this transition. Into the wilderness we go with no road map. Not so sure about red, i really don't get this school house rehab thing, not sure why were doing it

I didn't hear any comments about Rin's vision for Khandroling becoming a pilgrimage site because of the Terma of the dance. Maybe we can work that into our image (for lack of a better word)

We need to deal with the pile of lumber up on the building site before it all turns to junk I personally don't see the need for it, unless we plan on building a community house for ourselves, then we should sell it on Craig's list and at least get a few bucks for it.

#22

There is absolutely no doubt that any plan to make big changes on the first floor is dead, gone, and no one wants to hear about it again. No bookstore move, or disassembled library. So the grand scheme of big phases is DEAD. The Community wants focus on dorms, Gompa and maybe front hall. Let's focus on those pieces for the winter and GET THEM RIGHT this time.

#23

Congratulations on all fronts to the Gakyil and Membership for a successful Community Meeting!

It is clear to me that everything the Gakyil has proposed in Phase One of TE Project aligns with, supports, and facilitates all the objectives in the Gar's Strategic Plan.

I'm very much looking forward to everyone's continued collaboration and participation in the ongoing development of the Project.

Great Start!