



Susan Richards Johnson & Associates, Inc.
818 Grand Boulevard, Suite 1150
Kansas City, MO 64106
■ www.srjarch.com ■ t: 816.474.0900 ■ f: 816.474.0909

Meeting Notes – Hall of Waters Steering Committee

October 30, 2013

Attendees:

Bill Ahrens, Planning and Zoning Department Director
Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director
Ambrose Buckman, Mayor
David Haugland, City Manager
Larry Murry, Inspections Department Director
Keith Winge, DEP
Katie Noyd, Parks and Recreation Director
Sonya Morgan, City Council, Historic Preservation Commission Representative
Molly McGovern, Molly McGovern Consulting, LLC
Brenda Hembrick, New Age Skincare Spa
Dallas Mercer
Eric Copeland
April Graham, Elms Hotel & Spa
Angie Gaebler, SRJA
Julie Garvey, SRJA

Agenda and Discussions

- Introductions were made.
- A Sign-in Sheet was passed around.
- A review of the previous meeting outcomes were discussed.
 - Review of the potential building uses included:
 - Visitor's Center
 - City Offices including Chamber of Commerce
 - Mineral Water Bar
 - Re-open the Spa
 - Business incubator/Arts Walk
 - Re-open bottling of the waters at the Hall
 - Senior Exercise Area
 - The City is proposing to build a new community center so it will be important not to duplicate services in the Hall of Waters that the community center will have.
 - Heritage Tourism
 - History of the hall of Waters Guided Tours for a fee
 - 'Mineral Water' flight (a tasting of several waters)
 - Re-open the Historic Spa on the Ground Mezzanine Floor



Susan Richards Johnson & Associates, Inc.
818 Grand Boulevard, Suite 1150
Kansas City, MO 64106
■ www.srjarch.com ■ t: 816.474.0900 ■ f: 816.474.0909

- Event Space - with partnership with The Elms Hotel & Spa?
 - Will need prep-catering kitchen
- National Healing Arts Museum
 - There is a potential source for the museum collection from a private donor who is looking for a place to display and archive the artifacts.
- Micro-Brewery – Income generating business which rents out a floor or several floors for making beer using natural mineral water.
 - Would need a tasting room and potentially could even have a restaurant or connection with the catering kitchen for large events
- The Hall of Waters facility serves as the Excelsior Springs City Hall which employs between 9-13 City employees.
 - Relocating all City staff to the 1st floor was discussed
 - Additional information is needed about how the space could function and the needs of the staff
- Discussion about the restoration of the spring waters into the Hall of Springs.
 - The City of Excelsior Springs has been looking into this issue with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
 - The DNR has issued a letter regarding their findings about the spring waters and their potential reuse.
 -
- While the exploration of the potential local springs it not a part of this report, it would prove useful to have a separate study by an experienced contractor to investigate this potential.