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WORK SESSION

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6 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Future Use of the Carnegie Building. (staff: Marty Heffernan, Jill Stilwell; 1 hour discussion)

The Carnegie Building was built as a library in 1904 at 200 Mathews in Library Park. It has served as a City of Fort Collins public building for more than one hundred years. In 1978, the building became the home of the Fort Collins Museum. The Fort Collins Museum and the Discovery Science Center have forged a new partnership. Through the merging of these two cornerstone institutions, a new museum building will be built and opened in late 2011 or early 2012. The City needs to determine the future use of the Carnegie Building after the Museum is relocated.

The building itself is historically significant and a treasure to the community. For the last 30 years, the building has served as a part of the Cultural Services Department. After looking to the Cultural Plan adopted in 2008, reaching out to the community through an

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online survey and open house, and connecting with potential partner organizations, Cultural Services is recommending the Carnegie Building be repurposed as a community cultural center.

3. Adding Extra Occupancy Rental Houses (EORH) to the Neighborhood Conservation Medium-density (NCM) Zone. (staff: Beth Sowder, Peter Barnes; 1 hour discussion)

Some members of the community believe there is a need to expand the areas close to the Colorado State University (CSU) Campus in which Extra Occupancy Rental Houses (EORH) are allowed. Some of the areas close to campus which currently do not allow EORH have a single-family character, while other areas have a blended character of single-family and multi-family housing. If more EORH are to be allowed close to campus, it must be determined where this can be accommodated in a manner which preserves the character of single-family neighborhoods. The NCM zone is the only zone which currently allows multi-family dwellings, but does not allow EORH. Adding EORH to the NCM zone would not increase the density beyond what is already allowed and would be consistent with the other zoning districts that currently allow both multi-family and EORH.

4. Other Business.

5. Adjournment.