

Meeting called to order by Jim at 1602

In attendance: Jim Davis, Stacy Boone, Kenric Gonyaw, Darrell Martin

Public attendance: Heather D, Bella W, Carol M, Liz H, Susan L, Bert L, Karla B, Ed B, Jim H, Owen T

This community offering was warned in anticipation that most of the planning commission members would be in attendance.

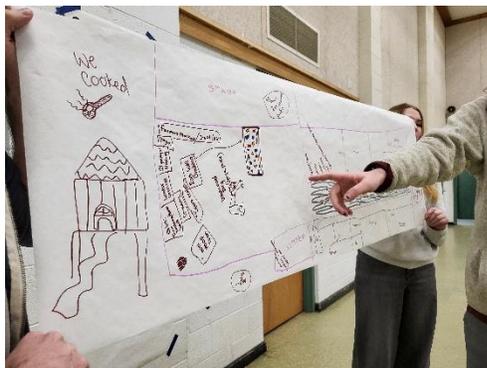
Brainstorming 'Community'

This community offering was designed as a fast-paced approach to dial in opportunities to how the Town might be able to utilize the Holland Unity Center (old school building). To gain insight residents have regarding service deficiencies that would benefit the community.

Background: The voters approved purchasing the old school building for \$1. The Town has yet to make any significant progress on how to best utilize the building for Holland homeowners. To bring value to the building as a public access.

When the Holland School was in operation there was a regular proffering of events and activities that engaged the residents from young to old. The Holland Community Center committee has been tasked with developing, promoting, and hosting events.

Many members of the community are vocal in feeling there is less social opportunity, and by extension, a loss in the cohesive fabric rural communities rely upon by their very nature of existence.



Six brainstorming activities were offered. Much of the first half of the session was dedicated to breaking attention away from the *emotional* connection people have for the building. It is abundantly clear that the services *remembered* and *accepted* enhanced the community kinship and relationship one experienced with their neighbors.

The second half of the session focused on visualization of the building space and what could be placed in the individual rooms. The intention was not to be sidelined by the things that are *perceived as barriers* (rent, licenses, distance, affordability). The focus instead of moving towards *actualization*, a *vision* of what is possible. The distinction of *emotion* and *future possibilities* continues to be difficult for many Holland residents to overcome. What was noticed was that once individuals were able to view through a wider scope of place, a theme of wants and needs were uncovered.

As expected, the largest obstacle is the time commitment to move a project this large forward.

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It is not the intention of a community offering like this to undervalue or diminish what **was** but to find a new way to appreciate what **is** possible.

The facilitator (as a citizen) will share her thoughts at the next Planning Commission Meeting with suggestions of how to proceed.

Next Planning Commission Meeting: February 18, 2026 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1801

Motion Kenric; Second, Darrell

PASS – unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Boone
2/8/2026