



# Then and Now

## Happy Holidays from Friends of Stillwater Community Center

As 2017 comes to a close we can all look back and see the successes we have had during the year.

Friends of Stillwater Community Center are amazed at all that has been accomplished with your support. Highlighting some of the points that Historian Extraordinaire Sue Moore prepared for our end-of-the-year report given at the annual meeting last week, the group:

- Officially became Friends of Stillwater Community Center, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation and established our mission statement.
- Had strategic planning training and prepared a long-range plan.
- Identified Project #1, based on the long-range plan, hopefully the first of many to come.
- Partnered with the city on Project #1, the renovation of what is now known as Stillwater Community Center Dining and Event Hall, a perfect venue for groups up to 160 people.
- Sponsored the first big event in the new dining and event hall with Project #1 Launch - Music on the Porch featuring the Stillwater Ukulele Association.
- Established a web site at [www.sccfriends.com](http://www.sccfriends.com) and created an official logo for FSCC.
- Led the organization into a collaborative effort to establish the long-awaited Downtown Stillwater Cultural District including the SCC, Sheerar Museum, OSU Museum of Art, Stillwater Center for the Arts, Stillwater Library and Modella Gallery and Visit Stillwater.
- Reviewed and organized more than 30 years of history and building plans for the community center.

- Enlisted volunteers for our first Work Day kicking off Project #2 – Curb Appeal.
- Mailed out our first newsletter including Project #2 - Curb Appeal Campaign information.
- Partnered with Stillwater NewsPress for a twice-monthly Friends of SCC Now and Then column.
- Continues to build membership and an active support system to complete Project #2 and move on to #3 in 2018.
- Is one of the supporters of the Blues Festival to be held in April 2018.

All of this comes at a price.

During 2017 we logged hundreds of volunteer hours that figures out to be significant in-kind donations. Couple those savings with actual donations, and our community and community center benefit exponentially.

Would you like to join the fun in 2018? We would love to have your help!

You can contact us through our web site or call and leave a message at 405-714-7201.

Happy Holiday!



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The Stillwater Community Center Foundation and the Friends of Stillwater Community Center strive to provide supplemental resources for the Stillwater Community Center to ensure its accessibility, affordability and sustainability for its use by residents and visitors of Stillwater and surrounding area. Visit [www.sccfriends.com](http://www.sccfriends.com) for more information.