

Sherborn Library Building Committee
Minutes
April 11, 2016

Present: Mark Brown, Libby Yon, Alexis Madison, Chris Kenney, Richard Littlefield, Adam Page, Heather Willis

Also Present: Elizabeth Johnston (Library Director), Stacey Brandon (Library Trustees), Hank Rauch (Library Trustee), John Sayre-Scibona (Design Technique Inc), Peter Byerly (Beacon Architectural Associates), Richard Smith (Adams & Smith), Barbara Ambos (Sherborn Community Center Foundation)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Approval of LBC Minutes

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting.

2. BAA - Schematic Design Presentation

a. LBC Comments

The document with the SD LBC comments and Designers/Library Director responses has been posted to Dropbox. John Sayre-Scibona requested that the LBC review the responses and direct any questions or additional comments to himself for forwarding to the appropriate responder.

Chris Kenney inquired if any programming-level issues or concerns remained because the window during which the design could be easily modified was rapidly closing. Adam Page raised the question of whether the infrastructure requirements had been defined to allow the existing basement shell space to be used as a Maker Space, to which, after discussion, it was apparent that additional information was required. Peter Byerly and Richard Smith requested that the LBC develop several scenarios for what equipment might be used, from a "light" scenario, an office-type environment, to "heavy", to include the possibility of bench-top industrial equipment or the like. The potential use and infrastructure needs of "Smart TV's" were also discussed.

* Action Item: Committee members to finalize review of SD documents.

* Action Item: LBC to provide Peter and Richard with potential Maker Space equipment needs.

3. BAA - Design Development

a. Exterior Finish Options

Peter reported that the planned delivery date for Design Development plans, specifications and estimate to the LBC is 4/29/16. Due date for Committee comment TBD.

The SD building elevations indicated granite as the exterior cladding material on the three exterior walls of the ground floor. Richard and Peter indicated that brick was also under consideration for the

base walls of the addition as the stone cladding for the base might be costlier. Another option for materials for the addition was presented with brick for the base and wood siding above. Richard discussed how cedar siding as well as fiber cement strips and possibly other materials were under consideration as the exterior cladding for the first floor and the mezzanine floor connector. Richard discussed potential use of a relatively new, decorative aluminum screening as an ornamental covering for the large southern-facing Tree House window.

b. Site Considerations

As part of the library site work two handicapped accessible parking spaces will be installed at the upper Sanger Street, angled parking area, and a third planned at the Police Station lot, adjacent to where the wheel-chair accessible paths to the library meet the lot.

c. Updated Mechanical Direction

The existing gas-fired boiler will be replaced in kind to heat the existing building while a Variable Refrigerant Flow System (VRF) is planned for the addition.

d. Site Considerations

The possibilities for reuse of existing stone from the site were discussed. Peter suggested one feasible use could be to further crush the blasted material into gravel; a second possibility could be as a building material for the landscaped retaining walls.

e. Generator Sizing/Venting Issues

Current code requires that a back-up generator be provided to power the sprinkler system pump. The existing sprinkler equipment vault being too small to accommodate the generator, the proposed location is immediately to the west of the proposed 95' x 37' subterranean infiltration basin planned to be constructed beneath the existing Police Station parking area. The location is far enough removed from the nearest structure (Police Station) that the exhaust will not be required to vent above the elevation of the Police Station roof. New condenser units for the library air conditioning system are also proposed at this location. A diesel generator is planned. At a minimum the generator must be sized to power the sprinkler pump while a larger unit could provide emergency life support in the event of a prolonged power outage. At this point the plan is to price the larger unit as an "add alternate" to the base bid.

4. Visioning

a. IT Discussions/Considerations

Kevin Wittman of Inframation Networks has submitted a study to the Trustees' Technology Study Committee recommending IT infrastructure for the existing and the new building.

A discussion followed of the configuration and requirements of the server room. At present the design is very preliminary but will advance during the current Design Development stage.

b. Town-Wide Survey/Results

Adam Page provided an overview of the results from a Town-wide survey of parental preferences concerning various aspects of the user experience in the new addition. The survey was targeted towards parents of pre-school and elementary school children. Details of the survey results were previously forwarded to the LBC; a summary of the survey results will be prepared and forwarded to Richard, Peter, John and the Committee. The comments left by the respondents are particularly informative. Discussions followed about various aspects of the results.

Libby Yon emphasized the need for the library to serve as a community meeting place. Alexis Madison reinforced the need for flexibility in the design of the Multi-Purpose Room and other public spaces, to allow for a wide variety of uses.

As with the Maker Space, Peter and Richard requested that the Committee develop a list of the types of usages which the space could be called upon to support. It was mentioned that the MBLC has recently begun to reimburse for moveable stacks, a possibility for the first floor.

*Action Item: LBC to provide Peter and Richard with a list identifying potential usages that the public spaces in the library could be called upon to service.

5. Community Center

a. Lease Status

Chris Kenney indicated that the logistics planning for the temporary space is ongoing, the proposed lease is currently under review by Town Council, and that discussions are underway with “neighbors” re. parking.

Elizabeth Johnston reported that she is soliciting estimates from moving companies.

6. Other Business

Peter indicated that over the next few weeks input from the LBC and from Elizabeth to Stefura, Interior Designers, would be needed.

7. LBC Meeting Dates

An interim meeting to discuss earlier recommendations and findings from the 2009 Sherborn Library Space Study Building Assessment of and the 2004 Community Survey, potential next steps for community input, and Maker Space usage, is scheduled for 4/25/16.

The next scheduled meeting of the full LBC is May 9 at the Sherborn Police Station.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Littlefield

