

Library Building Design Committee  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, May 3, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chair Lloyd Mickelson; Bill Cochran, Nicki Broch, Stella Fong, Peggy Gaughen, Jane Howell, Blaine Jensen, Bill Kehler, Cindy Patterson, Robyn Peterson, Mary Drew Powers, Suzanne Reymer, Kathy Robins, David Watterson.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Kim Olson, 02 Architects; Richard Jensen, Will Bruder + Partners (via video conference).

Mickelson welcomed Jensen and Olson.

### **Review of the current schematic drawings of the building**

Jensen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the work effort to date. He discussed background information regarding the project as well as the development of a programming document which addresses space requirements, square footage, equipment, furnishings, shelving, etc. He also discussed the location of the building, the schematic design and parking. Jensen noted that wrap up of the schematic design concept should be completed in June. Design development will most likely continue up to the bond election.

### **Review of LEED checklist drafts**

Jensen noted that a LEED charrette had been held. He reported that Silver was within the current library budget and that work continues on pricing out the costs for Gold and Platinum. He suggested that perhaps a gift opportunity could be offered for those levels.

### **Committee Comments on conceptual design**

The following questions/ comments were discussed (*Jensen's response is in italics*).

- Where were the study rooms? *Jensen identified.*
- Town square concept? *10,000 square feet area on south side has been identified and perhaps more on Broadway. A larger town square/plaza could compromise parking. If demand for parking decreases in future, it will be relatively easy to repurpose some parking to the "Town Square" concept.*
- A public meeting space will help sell the project. *Design identifies indoor/outdoor meeting space. Jensen suggested eroding the southeast corner of the meeting room to combine that with the outdoor park. Will check on nano walls.*
- Will this be a good plan ten years from now? *Jensen noted that we needed to address current needs. The design allows for flexibility.*
- Where is the bike parking? *Jensen identified.*
- Can parking be reclaimed for public space at a later date? *Yes.*
- R-factor rating for the building? *Comments received identified the importance of harvesting day light.*

- Hurricane/earthquake design standards? *This is a good sustainable building design. The location is identified as a mild earthquake zone. Design will meet earthquake, wind standards.*
- Asked what comments have been heard on the design? Committee member has received comments on the importance of adequate parking.
- Will the raised floor be level with the concrete? *Yes*
- Some people do not like the outdoor neon yellow sign. *Signage is amber – between yellow and orange.*
- People are excited about the new library but want to see more of the library design. Can the model be made available to the public? *A rotating PowerPoint with narrative will be put together and displayed in digital picture frame available for public viewing.*
- Put an FAQ on web site. *This would constantly have to be updated. Will need to make sure digital PowerPoint picture is dated.*
- Can the outside Library light can be turned off at night to reduce night light pollution. *Yes.*
- Ability to dim the lights inside. *Occupancy sensors can be used in the stacks.*
- Security cameras? *Some will be used as needed. Will make use of drug store mirrors.*
- Can art work be kept visible and safe? *High value items would have to be kept in a case or not high use area.*
- Incorporate tiles painted by community children into the design.
- Energy source – *Ground source heating and cooling will give space back for programming.*
- Is there enough storage space? *Never enough storage, have to be realistic about space.*
- Operationally – has a maintenance/staffing analysis been done? *Moving from 110,000 sq ft building to 65,000 sq ft should allow for appropriate staffing. There will be catwalks around outside windows for cleaning.*
- Color palette flexibility – question the use of bright colors that are fashionable vs. colors that are derived from our geography?
- Introduction/integration of art into the new building. Sundial in skylights? A committee will be formed to create an “Art Acceptance Policy”.
- Exterior of building – *will be natural materials.*
- Excited about the Friends of the Library space.
- Watterson will be coordinating the IT component of the building design.
- When will digital schematics be available? *Jensen will discuss with Leslie Modrow.*

The next meeting will be scheduled for June 7, 2011.

Adjourned 1:55 pm