Library Building Design Committee
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, June 14, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chair Lloyd Mickelson; Co-Chair Frank Cross; Bill Cochran, Nicki Broch, Saree Couture, Stella Fong, Peggy Gaughen, Robby Geller, Blaine Jensen, Bill Kehler, Cindy Patterson, Mary Drew Powers, Suzanne Reymer, Kathy Robins, Alex Tyson, David Watterson.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Shari Nault, Library Board Chair; Bernard Rose, Library Board; Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation; Kelly Addy, Citizen; Will Bruder, Richard Jensen, Marjorie Whitton, Will Bruder + Partners; Kim Olsen, Don Olsen, 02 Architects; Jim Foley, Foley Group; Pat Bellinghausen, Ed Kemmick, Billings Gazette.

Cross welcomed the Committee and introduced Cochran. Cochran reported that City Council approved all three items on the property assemblage packet at their June 13 meeting:

- Land exchange with the Billings Clinic.
- Vacate portion of 9th Avenue N. and North 28th in exchange for Clinic property.
- Resolution for Stockman Bank property exchange.

Presentation and feedback on final schematic design

Bruder reported on the work effort to date. He presented a schematic design on the landscape of the adjacent Stockman Bank property and the new Library parking and green space. Bruder presented diagrams of the interior and exterior of the Library building. He then opened the meeting for questions/comments (*Responses in italics)*.

- Will the Montana Room and Teen area be separate from the other public areas? *Bruder - Both areas will be open*
- Where will the fiction section be located? *Bruder identified.*
- Will other City Departments be located at the new Library? *Cochran - No, Planning is working on a needs assessment study to help determine an appropriate site.*
- Will the homeless come back to the new Library building? *Bruder -Yes, however their presence will change. New furniture placement, no dead ends, etc. will deter them from wanting to "hang out". Cochran - There will not be a lobby for people to gather in before the Library opens.*
- Why do we need a new Library when books are becoming obsolete? *Cochran - the Library is not just books,it will provide digital connections, offer public programs and provide for a community meeting place.*
- Will City records be digitized? *Cochran - the Library can help with that project.*
- Will there be physical docking stations? *Bruder -Yes.*
- How will the heating and cooling system work? *Jensen explained the air handler system and how the heating and air conditioning will work.*

- How will the building materials stand the change of time? *Bruder – This has been taken into consideration.*
- Where will compact shelving be located? *Bruder - In the Friends of the Library sorting area.*

Bruder brought in some samples of the building materials. He noted that:

- The catwalk around the building was gone
- Triple pane glass will be used for energy savings
- The exterior will incorporate stone walls, recycled bricks for sidewalks, etc.
- Stainless steel will be used as the scrim on the exterior of the building. He discussed the transparency of the scrim.
- Roof will slope to help with drainage
- Tectum (a shredded wood product) will be used for the ceiling
- Construction costs to be under $200/sq. ft.

Cost estimates for Silver, Gold, and Platinum LEED certifications levels and discussion of funding options

Jensen reported that the new Library building should receive Silver certification. He noted some of the items that were sustainable within the library's budget for Silver included:

- Triple pane glass
- Under floor air handler
- Sophisicated mechanical system
- Dimmable lighting

Jensen noted that the project was very close to Gold certification, but that it would require an estimated additional $560,000 to reach Gold. He noted that to move from Silver to Platinum would require an additional $1.8 million.

Cochran noted that due to time constraints staff will present a budget to the City Council that will include Silver LEED certification and should funds become available in the future a higher level of certification will be sought.

Next steps

Cochran reported that the Library Board recommended that a Library Art Sub-Committee not be created and the issue of reviewing art pieces to be displayed and/or commissioned at the new Library building should be addressed by the Library Building Design Committee, meeting as a committee of the Whole.

The next meeting will be scheduled for August 2011.

Adjourned 2:00 pm