

Library Building Design Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, November 8, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chair Lloyd Mickelson; Co-Chair Frank Cross; Bill Cochran, Saree Couture, Stella Fong, Peggy Gaghen, Blaine Jensen, Lyn McKinney, Cindy Patterson, Robyn Peterson, Suzanne Reymer, Brent Roberts, Kathy Robins.

GUESTS PRESENT: Shari Nault, Library Board Chair; Will Bruder, Marjorie Whitton, Will Bruder + Partners Architects; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Eric Simonsen, Kris Koessl, A&E Architects; Kim Olsen, Don Olsen, O2 Architects; Pat Bellinghausen, Billings Gazette; P. J. Smith, Virginia Bryan, Ann Ferguson, Joel Lawson, Kattie Wauhkonen .

Project Update – Design Team

Bruder reported that:

- The structural steel is ready to install.
- Anticipates having the outline of the building in place by Christmas.
- Jackson Contractor Group will install a weather curtain so that work can continue during the winter.

Report back on September 15 iLibrary and October 9 Teen iLibrary Community Discussions

Robins reported that:

- Forty-five individuals attended the September 15 iLibrary Workshop at the COT. Discussion centered on services provided, issues and solutions, participation in library programs, community dialogue, addressing homelessness, community pride and Library goals.
- Twenty-five teens attended the October 9 Teen iLibrary Workshop. Their discussion centered on activity in the Library. They wanted a coffee shop, comfortable chairs, a television, a place to meet with friends and the ability to play games.

Presentation of furniture plan – Will Bruder and Marjorie Whitton

Bruder and Whitton displayed and discussed the furniture, carpets, finishes and colors. Committee members moved periodically among the fourteen chair samples throughout the meeting, until they had tried all.

- Bruder reported that:
 - Presentations had been given to the Library staff.
 - The fabrics chosen, generally “ballistic” fabrics, will be very tough, maintainable and sustainable.
 - The furniture pieces shown are examples and not necessarily the colors selected.
 - The flooring will be a combination of concrete, carpet and rubber flooring. Recycled wood will be used on the service desks, fiberglass will be used in the skylight and ceramic tile will be used in the restrooms.
- Discussion and feedback

- Fong noted that she would like local representation by adding a piece of furniture that is made locally.
- Mickelson suggested that a local piece be featured as an art piece and wanted further discussion on its funding.
- Bruder agreed that as many as six locally produced pieces, such as tables or rockers, could be included in the art for the project.
- Couture reminded the Committee that furnishings need to meet commercial fire ratings.
- Smith inquired about the furniture in the Genealogy room.
- Peterson noted that some of the colors do not look like Montana.
- Cross noted that he was pleased that the furniture representation addressed the need for bariatric chairs. He liked the styles, colors and fabrics chosen.
- Courture noted that the furniture look very functional.
- McKinney and Patterson like the furnishings.
- Cochran reported that he heard a comment that everything was too busy. Bruder reminded the Committee that the furnishings and colors would be spread over a 65,000 sq. ft. building.
- Cross noted that spines and covers of books and other materials will provide a great deal of color in the building.
- Cochran noted that the Library was considering the move from PCs to a thin client server to increase efficiencies.
- Gaghen thanked the Committee for the opportunity to participate in the process.

Plan for next meeting

Cochran noted topics that could be included in the upcoming meetings.

- Update on LEED checklist.
- Discussion on the artwork.
- Landscaping. Who will care for the landscaping?
- Schedule a tour of the building in March or April

The next meeting will be planned for the 3rd for 4th week of January.

Adjourned 7:10 pm