



Project: Belmont Public Library

Meeting Date:

March 28th, 2023

Time: 5:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Zoom

Meeting: Library Building Committee

Report By:

Laura Jolly

Attending: * Building Committee Members

* Robert Schafer

* Robert McLaughlin

* Clair Colburn

* Christina Marsh

* Marcie Schorr Hirsch

* Steve Engler

* Marty Bitner

* Kathleen Keohane

* Stephen Sala

* Heli Tomford

Peter Struzziero (Belmont Library) Library Director

Dave Blazon (Facilities director)

Conrad Elio (Architect)

Noel Murphy (Architect)

Marika Kebel (Architect)

Glen Valentine (Landscape Architect)

Michael Lindquist (Landscape Architect)

Jacob Zelikman / CHA

Tom Gatzunis / CHA

Laura Jolly /CHA

Susan Lewis (public)

Larry Link (public)

Barbara DuBois-Hoag (public)

Lisa Pargoli (Public)

Absent: Jeff Birenbaum / CHA

Item

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the 3/14/23 Building Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Bob McLaughlin. The motion was seconded by Bob Schafer. The minutes were unanimously approved with the clarification that the east wall of the building shifted west by 8ft from the east property line, reducing the size of the building. Kathy Keohane and Heli Tomford abstained.

2. Invoices:

An invoice for McPhail Associates (geotechnical engineer) was submitted for approval. The invoice will be re-submitted for payment with the architect's coversheet included. A motion to approve the invoice with this amendment was made by Bob McLaughlin and seconded by Kathleen Keohane

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Update:

Contract Update

1. Bob Schafer indicated that the Owner's Project Manager's contract is still with town counsel. Clair Colburn to follow up.

Design update

1. The cost update is currently wrapping up and will be available next week.
2. The 30% Design Development construction document set was sent out yesterday.
3. A community update meeting will be held on 4/25/23. The meeting will be hybrid and will start at 7:30pm. Meeting location will be determined. (Note subsequent to the meeting the location has been confirmed for the Select Board room)
4. There will be several stakeholder meetings held in April, scheduling is currently underway.
5. The landscaping and area behind library were discussed regarding how the library will incorporate the brook and there was a discussion on the flood elevation as well. The landscape is designed to address moderate overflow conditions of the brook so that the building is not affected. Additionally, the grade level and 1st floor of the building is higher than the current lowest level because the building will have universally accessible entrances at the front and the rear. The landscape architect showed in the presentation renderings of what the spaces may look like.
6. The landscape architect indicated areas in the parking lot that could be porous pavement. Steve Engler brought up the idea of having the whole parking lot be porous pavement. Others had concerns about the maintenance of porous pavement because it requires greater maintenance.

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7. There was a discussion regarding where a fire truck can access the building. In the current plan it appears there are limited areas for fire trucks. The site plan will be reviewed with the fire department in an upcoming meeting in April.
 8. Option 2 for the Children's Garden study was presented. This shows a library terrace, children's garden and amphitheater. The landscape architect is leaning towards a children's room and meeting room shared library terrace space.
 9. There was a discussion on green roof options for different vegetation with pros and cons including maintenance, bloom season and the off season look. The landscape architect showed the committee commonly used options. No decision was made at this time. A request was made to provide information to the committee on what maintenance costs for the green roof would be.
 10. Claflin room update: The project team has meet with the historical society on their room design and the historical society has expressed a desire for compact storage. Should they proceed with that option, all costs for the storage components and the support structures would be the responsibility of the Historical society. There will be another meeting on the Claflin Room on 4/10/23.
4. Public Comment:
1. Barbara DuBois-Hoag made a comment that she is concerned that the green roof may leak and may be hard to maintain. She also thanked the project team for all their hard work.

Adjourn

1. The next building committee meeting will be held on April 11th.
2. Community Update to be held on April 25th.
3. A motion was made to adjourn by Bob McLaughlin seconded by Bob Schafer. Meeting ended at 6:30pm.