

Gloucester Lyceum and Sawyer Free Library Building Committee

Minutes for Meeting: September 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Byers-Davidson Room

Present:

Deborah Kelsey, Paul McGeary, Fran Aliberte, Peter Feinstein, Fred Cowan

Also Present:

Owner's Project Manager: Knight, Bagge & Anderson, Inc – Alex Corbett

Architect: Dore & Whittier Architects, Inc. – Michele Rogers, Brad Dore

Architect: Oudens Ello Architecture – Matthew Oudens, Jamaica Julien

Meeting Called to Order: 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:50 p.m.

P. Feinstein convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. This meeting was held to review and select a preferred schematic design option.

Approval of Minutes

P. Feinstein recommended the vote for approval of the September 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Mr. Paul McGeary motioned. Mr. Fred Cowan seconded; voted unanimously to approve minutes from the September 7, 2016 Library Building Committee Meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Materiality Discussion

M. Oudens began by reviewing potential materiality choices for the new library. M. Oudens presented various materials that responded to the style and monumentality desired by the Committee. M. Oudens indicated that certain materials, if desired, could provide durability while still being relatively low-maintenance. Materials presented included slate shingles, weathered steel, brick, and wood. M. Oudens reiterated that the purpose of the presentation was for Committee Members to begin to think about materiality choices.

Conceptual Designs

M. Oudens proceeded to review three schematic design options. Each scheme incorporates D. Kelsey's revised Library Building Program.

Option B: Involves a new, compact building footprint and maintains the Beech tree and amphitheater. A ramp and staircase would most likely be required to access the Library's main entrance.

Option C: Involves a new building footprint that extends to the sidewalk at Dale Ave. This scheme would relocate and/or reinterpret the amphitheater and Beech tree. A sloping sidewalk would allow for universal access to the Library's main entrance.

Option B2: Involves a new building footprint that extends to the sidewalk at Dale Ave. Circulation includes a main stair and a slopping sidewalk that would run parallel to the angular façade of the new library. This scheme would relocate and/or reinterpret the amphitheater and Beech tree.

Accompanying each scheme were schematic floor plans and 3D "clay" modeling that showed perspectives of each building's façade from Dale Ave and the rear parking lot.

General discussion ensued regarding each scheme. Committee members discussed the outdoor terrace and questioned whether it was desired. F. Cowan discussed the desire for roof access and an occupied roof space. B. Dore indicated that the project's budget is tight and such spaces would have to be vetted during the cost estimating process.

Following general discussion by the Building Committee, members generally agreed and accepted the selection of Option B2 as the preferred schematic design.

Next Steps

The next meeting date was TBD.

The Project Team will attend the Library Board Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

M. Oudens and D. Kelsey will arrange a conference with the MBLC to review the project's progress.

Adjournment

VOTE: Ms. Deborah Kelsey motioned; Mr. Fred Cowan seconded; voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. The motion carried 5-0-0.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Knight, Bagge & Anderson
Owner's Project Manager*

Meeting Handouts

- Agenda for September 14, 2016 attached with Minutes from the September 7, 2016 Committee Meeting