

**Wayland Free Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
In Joint Meeting with the Library Planning Committee
Minutes of Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2016
Selectman's Meeting Room, Town Building**

Present: Library Director, Dana Mastroianni; Aida Gennis (chair, presiding), Anne Heller, Suzanne Woodruff, Mark Peter Hughes, Sally Cartwright. Absent: Lynne Lipcon

Present for the Library Planning Committee: Tom Fay (chair), Lynne Cavanaugh, Christine Ciprianni, Anne Heller, Sandy Raymond, Barbara Scolnick, Thom White, Tim Masters

Present for Tappé Architects: Jeff Hoover, Principal and Director of Library Design

Present for Design Technique: John Sayre-Scibona, President, OPM

Call to Order: 7:15 p.m.

Public Comment: Marcia Berger expressed concern that serious thought be given to capturing metals from run off via some form of filtering system in a new library design.

Library Planning and Design Study: Discussion of Community Forum of November 2, 2016:

Mrs. Gennis outlined five general themes commented on by members of the public at the Community Forum on the Library Design Study conducted last week.

1. Another entrance either on Main Street and/or the north side of the building.
2. Exterior colors and finishes.
3. Children's Room tower structure.
4. Interior lobby columns.
5. Design references to 5 Concord Road.
6. Energy use and LEED rating.

Mr. Hoover reviewed the immediate goals which are to submit a successful grant application to the MBLC with a design demonstrating that the Building Program has been met.. Tappé and the Trustees want to submit the strongest application possible. Mr. Hughes clarified that the Trustees and the LPC want to satisfy grant requirements successfully and also present the best possible design for Annual Town Meeting approval. Some of the concerns raised at the Community Forum were design details that would be refined later in the process if a grant was awarded and accepted by the town and would occur during a design phase when developing construction documents..

Entrance: Mr. Fay reminded all that Main Street and Middle School driveway entrance doors were considered, but present serious safety concerns. There is no sidewalk on the east side of Main Street and no safe drop off area along the Middle School driveway.

Mr. Hoover said best practice in library design standards stress one door and one door only (additionally there will be an emergency entrance/exit). Mr. Hoover also mentioned that there are multiple pedestrian approaches to the building site, all with optimal access to the entrance designed on the east, parking lot side of the building. There is an emergency door on the north side of the building that could be modified to be an entrance if design changes and library operations dictated.

Exterior: The grant application does not require specific exterior colors and materials. Mr. Marsters expressed the need to clarify to the community what concept drawings depict and what particular elements are included to satisfy the grant application. Mr. Hoover was asked to eliminate the colors on the exterior to remove the bias some felt toward the colors depicted. Mr. Hoover displayed a gray-scale image which allowed viewers to concentrate on the design and relationship of the components of the building, without the distraction of the colors. The gray-scale image also softened the images conveying too that this is still a design developed for the application and not refined enough for a possible construction phase.

Children's Tower: Mr. Hoover reminded everyone that the concept of the tower-like structure on the corner of the Children's Room was to spark a child's imagination. It could be many different things. The adults at the Community Forum demonstrated this concept by expressing their own concerns regarding what it looked like to them; silo, Rapunzel's tower, lighthouse, prison tower, rocket, pepper shaker. Again, the gray-scale image helped soften the presentation and allowed even more imagination.

Interior Columns: Mr. Sayre-Scibona said the interior lobby columns were structurally necessary. The column size, number, and finish could all be refined during a construction design phase to create the most aesthetic and usable overflow space for the large function room adjacent to the lobby while retaining some columns for their structural utility.

Design References to 5 Concord Road: There was a consensus that there is no need to echo elements of the 5 Concord Road building in the design of a new library building since 5 Concord Road will continue either with its current use or with another use. It was stated a new building should stand and be designed on its own merits to meet the needs of the town.

Energy: There was discussion on the possible goal of designing an energy zero building or a LEED Platinum certified building. There are significant costs and benefits involved in engineering and administering each. LEED is achieved by meeting goals on a checklist, with the level of LEED determined by how many of the goals are achieved. Not all the goals are specific to energy efficiency in the building itself. Mr. Hoover thought targeting LEED Platinum status may be a reasonable goal. There may be some reimbursement incentives for LEED certification.

Mr. Sayre-Scibona stated the grant application requires clear demonstration of the library's utility and function for the community while the community requires a building design it can enthusiastically embrace. Mr. White suggested that the slides of other library spaces with glass walls were very compelling and could help the community understand the concepts and imagine how the design could work for them.

LPC and Trustee Support for Design: Mrs. Gennis confirmed that all LPC members and Trustees present were very supportive of the most recent design concept and did suggest a redesign of the columns in the foyer before the design is finalized for the application.

Future Community Meetings: Mrs. Gennis thought March 2017, before April Annual Town Meeting begins, would be the best time for another community forum on the project in preparation for a town meeting vote needed to accept the grant application. In the meantime, community groups, town boards, and committees will continue to be informed of the project and its benefits to the town. Young families in particular should be informed, possibly through neighborhood receptions, PTO meetings, and scout meetings.

Work of the LPC: Mrs. Gennis thanked the Library Planning Committee members and requested they continue to be active and supportive, enthusiastic, and positively responsive to all questions regarding the Library Planning and Design Study. Mr. Fay expressed great appreciation for all the time and hard work of the LPC members and said there is still much work to be done, particularly in educating and informing the community.

Mr. Fay also thanked Mr. Hoover and his team at Tappé Architects for their excellent design and study work done for this project.

Assistant Library Director, Sandy Raymond will post a link to the Community Forum presentation on WayCamTV on the library website.

Next Meeting of LPC: To be determined

Next Meetings of Library Trustees: November 15, 2016, 6:45 p.m., WHS Field House
November 16, 2016, 8 a.m., Wayland Public Library
November 30, 2016, 8 a.m., Town Building

Documents for this Meeting:

Agenda for LPC Meeting of November 10, 2016

Agenda for BoLT Meeting of November 10, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Sally Cartwright, November 25, 2016