

MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2, 2015 JOINT MEETING
OF THE BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND THE BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

I. Call to order

- A. Note compliance with Open Meeting Law
The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm

B. Roll call

Present: J. Ellington, M. Grant, N. Knappen, R. Nelson, B. Stelling, M. Allen, A. Grady, C. Kipp, B. McCormick, N. Rybarczyk, R. Whyte

Absent: M. Boucher, W. Maffei, C. Olson, L. Von Asten

Others Present: City Administrator Geick, T. Pinion, W. Reynolds, B. Rottinghaus

- C. Approve agenda
Motion by: J. Ellington
Second: M. Grant
Vote: Motion carried.

- D. Approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2014 joint Library Board and Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting

N. Knappen requested changes to II. Review of conceptual designs for the library building project. First, the statement about the alternative below grade plan made by N. Knappen should read, "Because N. Knappen felt the mass of the addition would overpower the existing building, he shared an alternative below grade plan that would put all patron services areas on one level and that could provide accessible green space."

N. Knappen also proposed adding the following two paragraphs regarding the entryways:

- N. Knappen suggested that if the north side green space and parking lot changes were made, a new 4th Avenue entrance might not be necessary. B. McCormick said that in that event the 5th Avenue entrance would likely become the primary entrance.
- N. Knappen asked that the 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue entrances relate to each other and that they have equal importance.

Motion by J. Ellington to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Joint Library Board and Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting as amended

Second by B. McCormick

Abstention by R. Nelson

Vote: Motion carried

II. Presentation by OPN Architects: revised conceptual designs for the library building project

The OPN representatives briefly covered the square footage and previous designs. They then presented 2 new design options for consideration, which they called Option 4 and Option 5.

M. Grant said that on all of the plans, the ground looks flat and it did not look like the grade was taken into account. W. Reynolds said the front of the building would be regarded. The designs did show there was quite a difference around the rest of the building.

B. Stelling said she had some concern about losing the clear story lighting. W. Reynolds said the other windows on the east side of the building would provide a great deal of light. M. Grant said solar tubes could also be added for additional light. The OPN representatives agreed.

M. Grant liked the cutout and the back wall of Option 4.

N. Knappen said he did not like the designs. They had a 1990's quality to them.

N. Knappen asked T. Pinion if the alley could end as a dead end. T. Pinion said there would be public safety issues to contend with and it could not be a dead end.

A straw poll was conducted and option 5 was the preferred option to move forward.

W. Reynolds said there should be another meeting to discuss cost estimates. They need a few weeks to get pricing from a contractor. N. Knappen requested to have the estimates in 30 days.

N. Knappen asked T. Pinion and E. Geick what they thought of the designs. T. Pinion said he liked what had been done and said the mass of the new building was nice. E. Geick agreed and added that he liked the entry.

W. Reynolds said OPN will be using Kraus-Anderson to determine the cost estimate.

There was discussion about whether or not the meeting to discuss the cost estimate should take place with just the Building and Grounds Committee or with the Library Board. R. Nelson asked if the Library Board would need to meet to approve the cost estimate because there are financial implications. M. Grant said the board would have to approve the cost estimate.

N. Knappen asked where the Library Board plans bring the public in on this plan. M. Grant said a town hall meeting or something similar could be conducted for public input.

W. Reynolds said a date for construction was needed to create a solid cost estimate. N. Knappen asked E. Geick where the library fits into the capital plan. E. Geick said there was a need for a new public safety facility and that 2020 was a safe bet. There was discussion about the possibility of a closer date for construction to begin. E. Geick commented that it depends on many factors like the economy. By consensus, the Library Board decided on 2018.

N. Knappen thanked the City Engineer Tom Pinion and City Administrator Ed Geick for

attending the meeting and for their input. He also thanked OPN.

III. Adjournment

Motion by: J. Ellington

Second: M. Grant

Vote: Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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