

Griffin Free Public Library
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Board of Trustees
Building Committee Meeting
March 22, 2023 at 6PM

Present: Nancy Mayland, Chair; Liz Michaud, Secretary; Marilyn Cavanaugh, Treasurer; Cindy Berling, Alternate Trustee; Dan Szczesny, Director; Jason from SMP

Nancy Mayland called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Discussion of the Library Expansion :

- First chance to see the first conceptual designs.
- April 6th at the library we will have a listening session for the Auburn Communities to view these designs.
- There are more libraries than there are Starbucks, SMP has done 27 libraries in NH, and currently working with 15 libraries including us.
- ROI is \$5.48 on dollars spent on libraries – Ohio Study.
- Design driven process, we are currently in the big picture idea of this process, very much at the beginning, defining the project.
- Jason showed us the site.
- The first concept was where could we expand and looked at tiny boxes, maintain the existing building, create a new entrance behind that toward the parking lot. Welcome desk in the central part in between the adult and children's rooms. Rest rooms and community room in the back, two large for 100 each. And a staff area. Extended parking alongside and in the back with another entrance.
- Second concept – not too much difference. Yin and yang – expanded REQ to include inside pickleball or other sports/half basketball usage. Library still in the same place
- Third concept - looked at the very back of the property as the main space and picked up the current building and moved it back, parking in the front. Terrace up from the road to the library becoming the central site. The new building dominates the small original building.
- Fourth concept – grading on the curve, historic building in front, curved parking lot has the most parking. Single main entry part – left for rec, right for library. Back door outdoor pickle ball courts, library entrance is by the new releases, central part for staff, museum and adults, then adult reading porch, kids east corner with playground in the back.

Questions and discussion:

- Parking and the possibility of connecting to the road by the school, including speed bumps.
- The BOS says they should start the conversation now about buying the land to extend the parking to the road by the school.
- Marilyn asked about providing growth for the library and space for the teens.
- Would probably include a cleanup sink in one of the meeting rooms.
- Future expansion in future growth – the first two offer the most options.
- The second two, option would be the library takes over REQs builds its own building in 25 yrs
- Question about difference in price – yin & Yang is the biggest building. Looking at a 13K square feet, Y&Y is 15K square feet. Cheapest is the tiny boxes partially because you can keep the well.
- Marilyn says grading on the curve is the most attractive visually. Jason thinks this presents the most options and is the best option.
- 4-6 feet height variance from the road to the back of the property. Putting ADA parking at the top with a slight slope up to the door so no ramp needed.
- Y&Y and Grade on the curve seems to be the favorites.
- Staff area includes, tech services, break room, staff bathroom, director office.
- Discussion about the two events and req use the parking lot in the back Y&Y, also we don't have to move the historic building and it's still part of the village. Still some tweaking that needs to be done. Pickleball court area would be like a cathedral ceiling height.
- Good Start - like the line of sight to the desk, like the three entrances, need more storage space. Important to have outdoor space. Patio, pavilion, walking paths.

Next step:

We start the RFC to hire a construction meeting

Next meeting is April 6th at 7pm at the library

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy Mayland/ Marilyn Cavanaugh 2nd. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM

Liz Michaud, Secretary