



Library Design Committee

3/14/2006

Minutes

Present: Jon Aarstad, Janice Burwash, Joe DeGloria, Helen Doyle, Christine Perkins, Ben Schertzer, Jane Sneeringer, Sally Straathof, Val Sanders, Ross Jamieson and Brody Harris from Lewis Architects, Boyka Thayer from Tattersall Design

Submitted by: Janice Burwash

Meeting convened in the City Hall Conference Room at 6 pm. This meeting followed the official Groundbreaking Ceremony and Celebration that was held earlier in the afternoon.

Jon noted that the Bid Opening for the Construction project also took place in the afternoon; the bids were coming in significantly under budget and it is expected the City Council will award the bid at the next City Council meeting.

The majority of the meeting time was spent on a presentation by Boyka Thayer of the selections that had been made by the furniture committee. She showed fabric samples and photos of furnishings that have been selected for the public areas of the library.

General information: The case work and shelving in the library will be light maple. Any wood in the furnishings will be a warm cherry. Several different fabrics in coordinating colors and patterns will be used for the upholstered furniture with a color palette of rust, dark green, teal and persimmon.

Lobby: There will be an upholstered mission-style bench in the lobby. The Friends' Nook will have two small tables with chairs to give a "Starbucks" feel to the space.

Meeting room: The seating will be high-density, stacking chairs in two shades of turquoise. There will be 150 chairs, which is the capacity of the room with the dividing wall opened up. The tables will be 30" x 72" and stackable on rolling dollies. They will be light weight construction with laminate tops.

Children's Area: There will an oversized rocking chair and upholstered settee for lounge seating, along with an upholstered window seat. The tables will be child-size with natural maple laminate tops. Chairs at the tables and the children's computers will have natural wood seats and backs. The door from the children's area into the meeting room will have a rounded top and be painted a "roasted pepper" color with a darker wash to give it an antique look. The meeting room side of the door will be painted a neutral color. There will

be a slightly larger sized table and chairs in the Juvenile area. The table will have a checkerboard game top.

Public Space seating: The reading tables in the public space will be a mix of 42" and 48" square tables. They will have a copper-finished steel pedestal, and tan laminate top with cherry wood edge. The chairs will be all wood in a cherry finish, and there will be a mix of chairs with and without arms. There will be three styles of comfortable upholstered lounge chairs for casual seating. In the large print stacks there will be two missions style chairs with arms that will make it easier for patrons to get up. There will be simple end tables, in cherry finish with tan laminate tops. All table lamps will be bolted to the tables.

Computer seating: The chairs in the computer lab will have a fold-up seat, to make for easier access between the rows of computer tables. In the public areas the computer chairs will be height adjustable, and there will be a mix of chairs with and without arms.

Teens' area: The lounge seating in this area will be mesh over metal frames. There will be ottomans to serve as extra seating and "end tables". There will also be a taller, round table with two or three chairs.

The committee was shown the final designs for the Children's Feature and the Monument Sign at the intersection of Fairhaven and Holly.

The Children's Feature will be a child-sized playhouse with curved lines to echo similar lines in other areas of the library. It will be finished with laminate in Teal, Rust and Purple. There will be an upholstered seat inside and it will be stocked with puppets for children to play with.

The Monument Sign will be constructed with materials similar to the exterior of the library: a brick base, cement posts, and a small corrugated metal roof. It will include an electronic reader board to announce library events. The top will include a directional arrow to the public library, which is essential since the library will no longer be located on Fairhaven.

We took a picture of all committee members present. Jon and Christine thanked all the committee members for their involvement over the past year. This will be the last time the Library Design Committee meets formally until the Grand Opening in June 2007.

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