



Library Design Committee

5/31/05

Minutes

Present: Jon Aarstad, Janice Burwash, Joe DeGloria, Helen Doyle, Larry Edwards, Ross Jamieson, Joan Martin, Christine Perkins, Ben Schertzer, and Jane Sneeringer

Submitted by: Janice Burwash

Meeting convened at the Burlington Public Library at 6:10 p.m. Ross gave a quick review of plans that had been discussed at the previous meeting, including the site plan. Ross also shared with the committee that he had met earlier with the library staff to begin looking at more detailed layout and design of the interior spaces. Questions were asked regarding handicapped accessible parking, where it would be located in relation to the building entrance and interaction with the required easement for van parking.

The members were asked if there were any questions or comments after reading the Building Program Draft. It was noted that this document will continue to evolve throughout the process.

A question was raised concerning the status of discussions with the Baptist church. The city has asked for first right of refusal in the event that they decide to sell the property. The church is still in the decision making process.

Ross reviewed the Building Design Profiles presented at the last meeting and shared drawings that showed further development of the two favored designs. The committee spent time discussing the options presented. There was a feeling that the North Clerestory option was a more modern design and perhaps not as well suited to the site and the community as something more traditional. Ross said that the modern feeling could be offset with the use of more traditional materials. One element of this design that the committee liked was the beacon of light that was created by the north-facing clerestory.

There were two variations on the Ridge Clerestory option. One option had several cupolas along the north-south ridge, with the north cupola creating a very dramatic entry façade. This reflected the group's suggestion of including design elements that reflect the agricultural influence in the area. Ross had also created gables on the east side of the building to breakup this long façade. The second Ridge Clerestory design option had a ridge of clerestory windows running north-south along the entire length of the roofline. This design had a simpler east façade with "bump outs" versus the gables of the first option. The more traditional lines of these two designs would allow more modern touches in materials and interior features as accents.

The committee members preferred the Ridge Clerestory designs, and would like to see these two options developed further maintaining the north-south axis element, the dramatic entry and some type of design element that breaks up the east façade.

Before the next meeting Ross will develop the two Ridge Clerestory options, and begin relating the building design to the evolving interior space.

It was noted that none of the designs presented incorporate the existing tree on the west side of the property. There seemed to be a consensus not to let the tree dictate the building design. It was also noted that the designs that are being developed incorporate space for creating several outdoor planting areas.

The members spent time looking at the interior layout and design options that Ross had presented to the library staff. Questions were raised about several spaces to be included in the final design: 1) Friends alcove, 2) Art display space, 3) Coffee/vending machine alcove, and 4) Adequate storage space for both the library and Friends. Jon shared that he felt the library staff should be allowed to have the most input on the design of the interior spaces.

It was decided that at the upcoming City Council workshop Ross will review the process to-date, then present the plans and designs that the committee members have chosen as their favorites.

Next meeting dates:

Thursday, June 9 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., City Council workshop in the Council Chambers. The non-council members of the committee may attend this workshop if they wish.

Tuesday, June 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Committee meeting in the City Hall Conference Room. This meeting will follow the monthly Library Board of Trustees meeting.

Thursday, June 30 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Public Meeting in the Council Chambers. LDC members may wish to attend to hear public input.

There may be a change in the plans for the **June 7** tour of the Snohomish and Mukilteo libraries. Contact Christine at the library if you are able to go.

We are still looking for people to help with a table in the park on **Saturday, June 25** during Berry Dairy Days. This will be an opportunity to share the building design progress to date and get public input. The space needs to be manned from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and anyone who would like to help with this should contact Christine or Janice at the library, 755-0760.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.