



Furniture Selection Committee

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Minutes

Present: Janice Burwash, Christine Perkins, Val Sanders, Jane Sneeringer, Sally Straathof, Boyka Thayer from Tattersall Design

Submitted by: Janice Burwash

Meeting convened in the Library Conference Room at 7:10 p.m.

Boyka began the session by sharing some thoughts on wood casework vs. wood furniture in a space. Her feeling is that even though the new library will have light maple casework, we don't need to stick with that type of wood and finish for the furniture. The furniture examples she had brought to show are all available in a warm cherry, which she would recommend choosing. The committee agreed with her suggestion.

Due to the placement of an automatic door button at the main entrance, there will not be a built in bench as previously discussed. Because of this Boyka suggested placing a bench in the lobby and showed an upholstered bench with short, missions style arms. Christine suggested that we consider placing one or two benches directly outside the building, under cover.

At a previous meeting a decision had been made to have all wood chairs at the tables throughout the public library space. The committee selected the Thonet chair. Most of the chairs will not have arms, but it was decided to get a few with arms.

The square tables will be a mix of 42" and 48". Boyka showed a sample with a metal base (pedestal) that would have a laminate top and could have wood trim on the table edge. The staff asked to see samples of wood tables, possibly from Thonet.

The meeting room will have high-density, stacking chairs. There will be 150 chairs that can be stacked on chair dollies. Boyka will bring a sample of the chair to the next meeting. Folding tables for the meeting room will have a laminate top. They will be 30" by 72" and will be stored on table dollies. There will be 10 tables, which will seat 60 people at 6 people per table, possibly 80 with someone seated on each end.

Boyka showed several samples of upholstered lounge seating. It was decided to order a mix of styles with coordinating wood and fabric. The settees in the public space and the staff lounge will be the mid-sized, upholstered style. In the large-print stacks, it was suggested that two of the mission-style chairs be used, side-by-side but facing opposite directions.

Of three end table samples, the committee preferred the two simpler designs, without the cross-piece between the four legs.

Of the three table lamp options, the committee preferred the two simpler designs. The lamps will have translucent, parchment shades.

Boyka suggested a chair for the staff lounge table seating that is made from 95 percent recycled materials. The staff would like to sit in a sample of that chair before making a choice.

The table in the Friends space will be 24" square with a pedestal base. It was suggested that there might be room for two tables if they can jut out slightly beyond the Friends space into the lobby. A combination wood and metal Bistro chair was selected. Both the tables and chairs should be regular table height.

For the Teen area, Boyka suggested lounge chairs that have mesh stretched over metal. The plan shows several end tables in the area, but Boyka recommended getting ottomans that match the chairs instead. Val suggested getting the chairs in several of the neutral colors, rather than all the same color, and the committee likes this idea. There will be one small round table in the teen area with 2 or 3 chairs. Boyka showed a "space-age" style chair as an option. The committee liked these, and thought the furniture would set the teen area apart from the rest of the library.

Several options were looked at for public computer chairs. The possibility of un-upholstered chairs for the computer lab was considered. The committee narrowed it down to one chair that they would like to see a sample of.

There was a discussion about the computer tables in the public area and whether or not there should be some type of divider between each work stations. There was no strong feeling by the committee in either direction. Boyka will investigate the cost of very low dividers (6" or less) and share that information at our next meeting.

The Furniture Committee will meet Tuesday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. At that time Boyka will have color palettes and samples of finishes and materials, upholstery. She will also bring actual samples of several of the chairs for the committee to test out.

The date and time for the next Design Committee meeting TBA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.