

Building Committee Minutes

Oregon Public Library

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Oregon Public Library (Sue Ames Room), 256 Brook St., Oregon, WI 53575

1. **Call to order** Jenny Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. **Roll Call**- Present were: Jenny Nelson, Kyle Severson, Amanda Peterson, Jenna Jacobson, John Bieno, John Bonsett-Veal, Megwyn Sanders-Andrews. Others attending: Deb Haeffner, Building Consultant for the South Central Library System, OPN architects Wes Reynolds and Brett Rottinghaus, Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, and Mary Davidson, Assistant Director (recorder).
3. **Adopt/amend agenda** Bieno moved to adopt the agenda, Severson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Approve/amend Minutes from 7/09/19** Jacobson moved to approve the minutes from 7/09/19, Bieno seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.
5. **Informational Items:**
 - a. Email from Kevin Bambrough – 7/07/19
6. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**
 - a. **Design Update – Floor Plans**- Rottinghaus reviewed the outcomes from the previous meeting, then introduced the design with the following spaces on the first floor: lobby and stairs with connectivity to the outdoor green space, maker space, Childrens, and Childrens program room. The second floor would contain the adult collection, teen space, and community room, with outdoor patio, quiet reading room, study rooms and unconference room. Way expressed concerns about having the Community Room on the 2nd floor due to noise, to improve access and flow. OPN will look at options to relocate this. Other concerns discussed included the location of doors out to the green space and having the quiet reading room above the childrens program room. Way also expressed concerns about noise on the stairwell with a lot of foot traffic due to the open design.
 - b. **Design Update – Exterior Design Concepts**- Common themes from the visioning session were used in the exterior design. The committee appreciated the use of natural stone, the windows, openness, transparency, design element at the back of the building on the 2nd floor. Concerns expressed: the fireplace by the stairwell, the open plank stairwell, the blockiness of the large windows, the amount of glass for maintenance and energy efficiency. A desire to make the entry way more prominent in the design was expressed.
 - c. **Additional Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Laura Gochberg, 233 N. Main St, Oregon WI – Said she loves the glass, and would be happy to look at the building every day.

Mike Wunsch, 299 N. Main St, Oregon WI – Said he likes the glass, the roof, and the way the large mass of the building is broken up. Said it is very interesting to look at.

Rae Vogeler, 299 N. Main St, Oregon WI- Said she loves the front part on Main St. Said it should be a good fit for the neighborhood, combining the old with the new.
 - d. **Requests to Modify and/or Approval of Floor Plan and Requests to Modify and/or Approval of the Exterior Design** -The following comments were put forward: look at moving community meeting room to first floor, make some adjustments to windows, adjust the staircase to negate excessive noise, make alterations to blockiness of windows, design exterior with mixed materials to lessen cost, change the fireplace on

first floor by stair way. Bieno made the motion to approve moving forward with the floor plan and exterior design, based upon the comments given: 1) relocating community meeting room to 1st floor, 2) minimize sound at stairway, 3) explore options for rectangles above windows, 4) emphasize entry way, 5) explore other material options to compliment stone and reduce price, 6) fireplace on first floor. Bonsett-Veal seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

- e. **Project Schedule Review- Refined concepts** – The architects will provide the modified floor plan and exterior design at the next building committee meeting for review before the August 8, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.
 - f. **Possible Selection of Future Meeting Date(s)**- The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at a location to be determined. Way will contact committee members and interested neighborhood members.
7. **Adjournment**- Severson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm. Bieno seconded. Motion carried 7-0.