

Building Committee

Oregon Public Library Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Location: Oregon Village Hall (Community Room), 117 Spring St., Oregon, WI 53575

1. Call to order. Jenny Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call- Jenny Nelson, Amanda Peterson, Jenna Jacobson (arr. 6:03pm), John Bieno, John Bonsett-Veal, Megwyn Sanders-Andrews. Unable to attend: Kyle Severson.

Attending from OPN Architects: Mindy Sorg, Wes Reynolds, Brett Rottinghaus.

Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, Mary Davidson, Assistant Director (recorder) attended.

3. Adopt/amend agenda- Motion to adopt the agenda as written was made by Peterson, seconded by Bonsett-Veal. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approve/amend Minutes- Motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2019 meeting was made by Peterson, seconded by Sanders-Andrews. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment/Citizen Appearance/Scheduled Guests-

a. Justine Bonde, 246 Market St, Oregon WI –Commented on the plan for the parking, problems with water drainage, and the trees that have fallen on her shed. She is anxiously waiting for the arborist report.

b. Susan Shedivy, 1860 CTY MM, Fitchburg WI- She is curious of arborist report, and hoping in process of building the beautiful trees can be saved.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Program Review-** Mindy Sorg presented the Program Draft dated, 6/11/19. She took the recommendations from the visioning sessions, and with Way's team, has continually refined what would be relevant to the community. She assigned a square foot allocation to all spaces, and presented her report. Included in the Community Spaces were: the Community Meeting Room (would seat 140 classroom style, be dividable, have kitchenette), Pre Function space, a Maker Place, and Lobby. Study/Conference spaces would include: 2-person and 4-person study rooms, a family room, 1 quiet reading room, 1 large conference or board room. Gallery/display space would allow for all kinds of events. The Children's Program space would allow for 30 seated or 75 kids on the floor, along with furniture storage. The Collection would occupy 47% of building, with the goal of much more browsable collection. Public Technology includes public computers, media services. Circulation/Checkout space includes Self checkouts, and service points for 2 floors. Staff/Support includes: Adult services, Circulation Services, Technical Services, Children's Services, the Director, collaborate work space for staff, the Network Closet, staff break room, storage space for the Friends book sale, the book drop and automated materials handling room. General building storage, and Unassigned (all public restrooms, a New Moms Room, Mechanicals, Janitorial and Utility rooms) complete the building. As spaces are laid out, some efficiencies in design may result in a lower square foot needs for some space. The importance of a sensory space was discussed and added back in as a specific space in the program. Some committee members expressed a desire to include the unconference room, if efficiencies in design allow for sufficient space. Bonsett-Veal made the motion to authorize OPN to craft the

initial drawings based upon the program identified, Peterson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Arborist report** – The report written by Jeff Olson, Arbor Systems, was reviewed, with a focus of saving the healthy specimens when feasible, such as the 2 mature oaks. A number of trees were recommended for removal due to decay, storm damage, and fungus. Several would benefit from pruning. Reynolds said the 2 in the center of the property would be a challenge to build around.
- c. Underbuilding parking**- Reynolds showed a drawing which indicated room for 35 parking spaces under the building, but less when allowing for turning around. Cost estimate was \$700,000, along with long term costs for maintenance, cleaning, monitoring the space, and heating. Three drafts for the location of parking lots were reviewed. The 3rd plan showed denser parking in double sets, much closer to the building, thereby allowing for more green space. This design will continue to evolve. Bieno made the motion to not move forward with the underbuilding parking as part of the design. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. Adjacency Diagram**- Tabled to next meeting.
- e. Possible Selection of Future Meeting Date(s)**-Tuesday, June 25, 5:30 at library. July dates will be scheduled at that meeting.
- f. Public Comment** from the Near North Main St. Neighborhood Association-
Susan Shedivy, 1860 CTY MM, Fitchburg WI- Asked the architects to save tree #11. Asked why the tree remained when the church and education building were there. Encouraged the committee to walk the site. Suggests drawing a building that doesn't interfere with the tree.
Mike Wunsch, 299 N. Main St, Oregon WI– Suggested the group might work to change the ordinance. He said a plan to screen headlights from flashing in the neighbors' homes would need to be created.
Rae Vogeler, 299 N. Main St, Oregon WI- Said underbuilding parking would have preserved green space, and stated there would be maintenance for surface parking, too. Suggests they take into account the big picture, and represent the whole community. Said the committee is moving too quickly, should slow down the pace, and be flexible at a later date when the funds have been raised.

7. Adjournment Bieno made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.