

## Building Committee Meeting Minutes

### Oregon Public Library

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Oregon Public Library, 256 Brook St., Oregon, WI 53575

1. **Call to order** Amanda Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. **Roll Call** Those attending: Amanda Peterson, Jenna Jacobson, John Bieno, John Bonsett-Veal, Megwyn Sanders-Andrews. Unable to attend: Jenny Nelson, Kyle Severson. Attending from OPN Architects: Mindy Sorg, Brett Rottinghaus. Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, Mary Davidson, Assistant Director (recorder) attended.
3. **Adopt/amend agenda** Peterson made the motion to add a public input line after 6b (3 minutes per person, with total of 15 minutes). Sanders-Andrews seconded. Agenda adopted as amended, 5-0.
4. **Approve/amend Minutes from 6/11/19-** Bieno made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. **Public Comment**
  - a. **Susan Shedivy, 1860 Cty MM, Fitchburg, WI-** Referred to letter to the editor by Carol Bloom. Wants the architect to draw up a plan to preserve the trees.
6. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**
  - a. **Initial Concept Plan Review-** Topics reviewed from the June 11, 2019 meeting included: the arborist's report; underbuilding parking vs surface parking; setbacks required by commercial buildings; how the climate affects the location of the building.
  - b. **Initial Massing Concept Review-** To explore saving tree #11, they began by exploring locating the building right off of main street, but this had challenges due to distance of parking, terrain, orientation, and natural light. Rottinghaus presented 2 options which were more functional, both of which preserve tree #11.

Option 1 - The building sections meet at a 90 angle where everything moves around the tree. The book return would be in the lower level, along with the mechanicals. A conveyer belt would be necessary to move the books to the staff area.

Option 2- Used the preferred design from the last meeting, but shifts the footprint to the south and west, making the angle more drastic. It respects the tree. Parking is similar. The book drop/staff areas are close to Main St. A gabled roof was added to add interest.

Both designs were created after receiving the arborists report. It was noted that a variance would be required for both options due to not meeting the required setbacks. Comments from building committee members included: how to build while preserving the health of the tree; how to accommodate PV panels and green roofs; how a curved entrance would affect the program; where to locate the staff area; wayfinding; variances for sheds/garages on the properties that border the south and west.
  - c. **Public Comment –**
    1. **Andrea Below, 127 Johnson St, Oregon WI-** Said she loves first option, but thinks the second is more feasible.
    2. **Mike Wunsch, 299 N. Main St, Oregon WI –** Likes option 2; it saves a tree. Puts green space around the building. Not crazy about the parking, but that's another issue. Concern is viewing out from within the library, down the hill.
    3. **Derek Below, 127 Johnson, Oregon WI -** Likes option 2, likes the mechanical room in the lower level, along with the book drop. Appreciates saving the tree. Parking is for another day's discussion.
    4. **Cindy Helmer, 151 W Grove St, Oregon WI –** Questioned how long it takes to have a variance requested.

5. **Rae Vogeler, 299 N. Main St, Oregon WI** – Is thrilled with what you've presented. She is open to both options. She liked the consolidating parking presented at the last meeting. Likes all the green spaces.
6. **Leif Olson- 276 N Main St, Oregon WI** – Likes option 2. Would like a curved entry way. Wants to be conscious of light pollution, noise,
7. **Sue McCartney, 276 N. Main St, Oregon WI** – Likes option 2. Wants the book drop away from Main St.

**John Bieno made the motion to proceed with option 2, contingent upon the flexibilities for massing, building shape, distance to oak tree, book drop off, staff support, childrens' collection location, and the potential for a curved entry. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.**

d. Possible Selection of Future Meeting Date(s)- July 9, 2019 at 5:30pm saved as tentative date.

**7. Informational Items:**

- a. Community Member Feedback on New Library from Share Your Thoughts Forms- includes additions since last meeting.
- b. Article: *'The sky is the limit': Take a look at the coming east side Pinney Library (The Cap Times, June 19, 2019)*- interesting to hear what other libraries are doing, and features they've selected.
- c. Hennepin County: Maple Grove Library Informational Handouts (Provided by A. Peterson) – integrated sustainable design. Built 10 years ago. Still looks state of the art.

**8. Adjournment** Bieno made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.