

**ACORN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
FOR JANUARY 27, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. Those present were James J. Richmond, President, Kimberly Duffy, Treasurer, Jacqueline Muscarella, Secretary, Susan Vigorita, Martin Durbin, Sheri Halwax and Chuck Newman, Trustees. Also present were Mary Tuyschaeyers, Director, Patrick Callahan & Angie Levinsky, StudioGC, Lt. John Janozik, Oak Forest Fire Department, and Robert Kabak, library volunteer.

Jim Richmond turned the meeting over to Pat Callahan for their presentation. The presentation included three updated plans for the library that addressed the questions and needs brought up at the January 6, 2010 Committee Meeting. The plans included Options B.1, C.1 & D. All three addressed the question of direct access to the facility manager's office, while Options B.1 and C.1 included the single story addition. Option D included the two story addition. Finally, Option C.1 also addressed the question of moving the computers away from the windows and moving the front entry vestibule and circulation desk to the Southeast corner without adding on to the front of the building.

Pat discussed Option C.1 first. It provides more space for patrons and more space for staff. There is no new elevator and no addition built out the front of the building. It still considers moving the front door to the Southeast corner yet utilizing the structure of the building already in place (as in the existing windows on the South wall in the Southeast corner would be replaced by the doors of the proposed entrance). Under this option, the existing front entrance would then become an emergency exit.

Jim questioned whether the placement of the proposed Friends room on the lower level would be better suited near the entrance so they wouldn't have to go thru the children's area to move their books. Pat thought that might work out well and he would consider working it into an updated plan.

Martin asked about the Young Adults area and the lighting. Pat talked about changing the mood to make it more attractive thru the layout and use of new lighting, colors, and furniture. He mentioned an idea using LED lights on the wall and displaying artwork by the young adults, or the idea of painting a mural along that back wall. Pat also mentioned the slight expansion of the kitchen area which should benefit the staff and even allow those using the meeting room some expanded benefits or use, if we so choose.

Options B.1 & C.1 offer more reading space than the original plans. The plans also offer more computer stations. The concern over the light or glare was addressed as Angie provided a quick view of a light simulation program that studied the impact on the natural light provided thru our windows. It showed where the outside light would have the most impact during the day (and throughout the year). With Option C.1, the consideration of keeping the Director's and Business offices next to each other was briefly discussed. The Board Room could simply remain in the corner with the Director's office moved to the South next to the Business office which would leave a bit more room for the Adult Reading Room in the Southwest corner.

As for Option D, the second story was discussed and the advantages it could add. Pat indicated that it may or may not be economical in terms of dollars spent for getting the most bang for our buck; however, it does add additional space that could be used for other purposes if we were to take advantage of adding the second story above the proposed story time room.

The plans still provide the room for future growth if we ever decide to add a new elevator. The question of whether we should consider replacing our existing elevator was brought up. We could, but it may be costly. It would depend on the existing size and what is needed to meet current codes. Lt. Janozik indicated the City has a "stretcher" ordinance which all new elevators need to meet. As for fire sprinklers, Lt. Janozik indicated that the Fire Chief and he had briefly spoken about the plans and would probably require fire sprinklers to be installed. Mary expressed her concern over the use of sprinklers as it could do a lot of damage. Lt. Janozik reassured everyone that the type of sprinklers that would be required for the building would only go off when the heat reached a certain point; and only that sprinkler(s) affected by the heat would go off (not all of them). He went on to say that sprinklers would definitely save us on our insurance costs. Pat estimated that it could cost about \$2-2.25 per square foot to add a sprinkler system, but a true estimate would have to be obtained from a fire sprinkler company.

In all, it was asked of Pat how much adding a second story with Option C.1 would cost. He pointed to Option D and indicated \$242,000 for a two story addition. The Board asked if he could consider that feature with Option C.1. Pat would work on that option, along with the other suggestions, and get back to us.

Pat Callahan, Angie Levinsky, and Lt. John Janozik exited the meeting at 8:50p.m.

Brief comments were made with regards to the presentation and what the Board might expect to do next. The consensus was interested in seeing what might come from a modified "Option C.2" and how much more it might cost. A cost of \$2 million was mentioned as a potential cap with the updated project, and Acorn 2.0 was informally introduced.

Sue Vigorita made a motion, seconded by Kim Duffy to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:59p.m.

Report submitted by:

/s/ James J. Richmond

James J. Richmond
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