

Draft Minutes
Information Session with Library Trustees and SMP
Saturday October 20, 2018 Barrington Middle School

Trustees present: Lindsey Maziarz, Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel (Missing Lydia, Sam, Robert, Karolina and Bridget)

10:10 am - Welcome & Introduction along with brief history of working relationship with SMP and how we got to where we are-- Lindsey Maziarz Trustee President

10:12 am- Jason LaCombe, SMP Architecture

- Evolution of the project from 2016 until present.
- Shared new one level design based on 12,919 square feet. Previous working design was 15, 800 square feet and a basement for storage. Explained that the need didn't match cost of a multi-level Library.
- Committed to a bond no more than 4.5 million dollars. Price brought down from \$5,139,000.

Questions & Answers

Q: What is the energy efficiency of the proposed new building?

A: highly insulated; insulated roof & walls, exceeds building code about 30% more efficient than building code and exceeding state requirements

- will look for efficient mechanical systems

- There is space on the property for solar panels to add at a later date if desired, orientation is not perfect but close

Q: How was the building location determined, it is very close to Rt 9?

A: The building was sited, location is limited due to Playground and parking area; the location is about 12% off the optimal location for solar.

Q: Where are the bathrooms on the plan? Will there be a handicap accessible bathroom?

A: Bathrooms are located behind Circulation Desk, there are 3 bathrooms (Men, Women, & Family), they are ADA compliant, and will be accessible after hours; another Family bathroom is located in the back near the Children's Program Area

Q: Will there be a space dedicated for technology, with computers?

A: Computers will be located in the open area, also tucked in the Adult Area; specific details have not been worked out yet

- Full WIFI will be available
- Library may move toward making tabloids available
- No decision yet about making headsets available
- Suggestion: include large screen options
- Suggestion: generate WIFI in the parking lot; many people use the Library's WIFI during power outages

Q: How will the construction be managed? And how was Construction Management team selected?

A: Bauen Corporation was recently hired by the building committee. They interviewed three firms and selected Bauen for the project. They will work alongside SMP during the pre-vote phase and then bid out the actual work, there is open bid option for local contractors; SMP & Bauen have worked together on library projects in the past.

Q: What is the purpose of the four floor-to-ceiling walls?

A: The floor-to-ceiling walls can be used as display walls to help reduce noise; architectural display; they are also used for security for the adult-children area

Q: Where are the quiet areas in the Library?

A: The perimeter of the building is set up for quiet areas, set to be alongside windows with plenty of sunlight.

Q: Is there room for expansion?

A: The original 17,000 square foot Library was a space plan, it was never drawn up and it was based on 10 year old data

- In the current plan, the stacks are sized to meet current and projected need and can get higher
- Some of the space can get repurposed, if needed, such as the Adult Program Area
- Physical additions would be difficult since the building set-backs are at the edge; can expand behind the bathrooms, otherwise could reduce some parking area

-remember that the current plan is roughly four times larger than the current Library space

Q: What will the \$4.5 million bond cover?

A: Primarily the physical structure of the building. There is a 20% contingency built into the budget.

Q: What is the seating capacity of the Programming room

A: About 100 people, auditorium style, when dividers are open; about 60 adults for presentation; the number can change based on the configuration of the area, such as tables and chairs versus chairs only. Room does have a divider so can split it to make space smaller or to accommodate two programs running simultaneously.

Q: How long will construction take?

A: Roughly 10 months, preference is to start in October 2019 after the Recreation Department's Summer Camp ends.

Q: In what ways has the change in design influence space for seniors and community activities in the building?

A: The Adult Program area is available with Library activities for adults taking priority; the building is designed to suit all ages with kids having their own area which opens up the other space

Other suggestions –

- make sure areas are flexible to evolve as the future needs change versus fixed stacks
- consider space for small, informal meetings
- consider areas for mixed age groups
- would be good to have gender neutral bathrooms
- where will historical items to placed, make a plan for this

Next information session with SMP and the Library Trustees will be held at BMS at 6:30 pm on November 8, 2018. Plan is to come back with even more evolution to design and to continue to take community input along the way.

Minutes recorded by: Lindsey Maziarz, Melissa Huetten, Susan Frankel and Leigh Elliott.