

Minutes

Marshfield Library & Community Center Steering Committee

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 4:30 p.m.

Marshfield Senior Community Center - 111 S. Maple Ave.

City Administrator Barg called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Attendance: Becky Spencer, Russ Stauber, Jean Doty, Kris Keogh, Steve Barg, Jason Angell and Lori Belongia

Absent: Steve Coy, Mayor Chris Meyer, Kelly Cassidy

Also present: Doug Barnes, Pat Kell, Bill Penker, Kathy Dieck, Ken Krahn, Jeff Engel, Floreine Kurtzweil, Dan Kummer, Dan Ferch, Dennis Juncer, ?????, Ed Wagner, Becky Huebner Leu

Public Comment: Questions were raised regarding the need for meeting space – Why can't groups use other available public space? Is it a matter of public or private need? Concerns about the size of the facility were voiced.

Motion by Stauber, second by Keogh to approve the minutes of the L&CCP Steering Committee meeting minutes of March 12, 2012. All Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Spencer, second by Doty to accept and place on file the minutes of the March 22, 2012 L&CCP Communications & Marketing Subcommittee.

Motion by Spencer, second by Stauber to approve the use of the word "community" the survey questions and to add other questions from the Steering Committee to the survey. All Ayes, motion carried.

Zimmerman architect, Doug Barnes walked us through the showed three more developed options for the Library & Community Center concept and a fourth option for just a Library expansion and remodel. Primary decisions that must be determined are preferred site location, balance between floors with secondary decision regarding high ceilings on the second floor, design sympathetic to the existing buildings and neighborhood and parking. Barnes distributed a draft spreadsheet outlining the estimated cost of each option. Keogh represented the Design & Architecture Subcommittee by presenting a list the pros and cons of each option. The Design & Architecture subcommittee's recommendation is for Option C, the Northwest diagonal Link due to the following rationale:

- Adequately fulfills current and near future needs of the Library.
- Addresses current and future needs of the Senior Center.

- Addresses current and future needs for a Community Center.
- Provides adequate parking for current and near future needs.
- Has a positive visual image on Veterans Parkway; potential good image for Marshfield.
- Uses the site well in terms of providing for current Library & community needs;
 - a pleasing link between Library & Com. Center.
 - potential for future site development.
- Relates well with existing building without overwhelming it.
 - Existing building keeps its identify
 - and its historic value is retained.
- Has good potential for inspiring potential donors.
- Has the potential to be a 21st century building.
- Not the highest cost option that accomplishes all of the above.

The Committee discussed the Common Council's recent debt load session and the presenter's information that the city could take on borrowing for a generational project to about 3 million dollars without increasing the tax rate.

The Steering Committee accepted the recommendation and will wait until after gathering comment from the four public forums to make their recommendation to the Common Council. The Public Forums are scheduled to take on Thursday, April 19th, 2012 place in the Library's Beebee Forum Room 10:30 a.m. – Noon and at 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Marshfield Senior Community Center; on Friday, April 20th, 2012 in the Library's Beebee Forum Room 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and Noon – 1:30 p.m. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers. The committee will summarize those comments along with a recommendation to the Common Council for their May 22, 2012 meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Spencer, second by Doty to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Belongia