



Minutes

MEETING OF THE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Monday, December 12, 2011
Beebee Forum Room, Library

Chair Coy called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Attendance: Becky Spencer, Jason Angell, Russ Stauber, Steve Coy, Don Zais Steve Barg, and Lori Belongia

Absent: Chris Meyer, Ruth Elderbrook and Kelly Cassidy, Don Zais

Also present: Joanne Ampe, Kim Krueger, Tom Buttke, Kris Keogh, Dave Drews, Doug Barnes, Breanna Speth, Mike Feirer, and Shirley Mook

Motion by Stauber, second by Spencer to approve the Nov. 7, 2011 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stauber, second by Spencer to accept and place on file the minutes of the Oct. 27, 2011 Communications & Marketing Subcommittee and the Nov. 9, 2011 Design & Architecture Subcommittee.. All ayes. Motion carried.

Drews and Barnes shared information regarding the topography survey results, existing building observations and opportunities. The existing Library building is 8-9 foot lower than Veteran's Parkway which would accommodate parking below the north half of the site. Several design options with variations were presented. The desire for a skylight through the first floor to the basement in what will be the Community Center was explored. Uses for areas without daylight were discussed including museum space. Issues yet to be resolved are parking needs, uses of the Community Center and planning to allow distant future development of the site to allow for city hall. Further discussion and exploration of the various design options and what is most attractive about them is needed.

Mook spoke of a historic task group's interest to take on the entire 14,000 square feet of the lower level of what will be the Community Center. The task group is an offshoot of the Design & Architecture Subcommittee and represents the Historic Preservation Association and the North Wood County Historical Society. Their intent is to use the space for museum exhibits, storage, workspace and offices. There was long discussion.

At the past meeting, the Steering Committee reached a consensus that non-profit organizations were desired. Keogh spoke about the need to establish which areas in the Community Center must be dedicated and which could be shared. The need for direction about acceptable uses of the Community Center, shared services and expectations concerning payment for space (cost per square foot).

Spencer moved, Coy seconded a motion to adjourn as the meeting was losing its quorum. All Ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Belongia".

Lori Belongia
Secretary Pro Tem