

Minutes
Marshfield Library & Community Center Steering Committee
Monday, March 11, 2013 4:00 p.m.
Marshfield Public Library, Beebee Forum Room

Doty called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jean Doty, Kris Keogh, Becky Spencer, Russ Stauber, Steve Barg, Kelly Cassidy, Jason Angell (arrived 5:00 p.m.), and Lori Belongia

Absent: Mayor Chris Meyer and Mat Bartkowiak

Also present: Joanne Ampe, Kathy Dieck and Dick Pokorny

Public Comment: None

Conversation focused the on Brakeley Briscoe Fundraising & Management Consultant's recommendations with the goal of coming to a consensus about how to proceed. A variety of scenarios were proposed and discussed. Discussed and dismissed were: forging ahead with the proposed project with no changes, shelving the project altogether, going back to just an expansion and remodel of the Library with nothing to address community or senior needs, approach to Common Council for the funds to complete the project as proposed, scaling back the scope of project by one third. As the discussion progressed, the following recommendation evolved:

Explore opportunities with the architects to redesign the project to result in a total project cost of not to exceed \$9 million and to divide the project into phases with the Library being completed first. (This process might include building some parts of the Library in phased steps, such as interior build out of some part of the Library after construction of primary function areas.) Meet with YMCA representatives to avoid duplicating effort, explore opportunities to collaborate, and develop community synergy as our plans move forward. Seek and pursue grants to offset construction or renovation costs where possible. Proceed to the "Visionary" phase of the fundraising process to secure major gifts.

These points will be presented to the Common Council as an update at their March 26, 2013 meeting by a member of the Library & Community Center Committee.

The next meeting of the Library & Community Center Committee will be 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013 in the Library's Beebee Forum Room. The architects will be asked to share their ideas at that time.

Seeing no other business, Doty adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Belongia