

The Jones Library, Inc. Feasibility & Design Committee
Tuesday, February 4, 2020; 9-10:30 am
Goodwin Room, Jones Library

Present: Austin Sarat, Chair (Trustee), Tamson Ely (Trustee), Kent Faerber, Bonnie Isman, Alex LeFebvre (Trustee), Janice Ratner, Lorin Starr, George Hicks (Facilities), Sharon Sharry (Director).

Also present: Several members of the public.

- I. Call to Order: Austin called the meeting to order at 9 am.
- II. Public Comment: Three members of the public were present, but were there mostly to listen.
- III. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the October 1, 2019 and the January 9, 2020 meetings were moved, seconded and approved unanimously.
- IV. Design Update – Lorin Starr presented updated design plans in the form of drawings from Finegold Alexander Architects (FAA) after she, Sharon and Alex met with the architects recently. In general, this plan is more compact (reduced mass), more efficient, more sustainable, retains more of the garden, and better connects the old and new parts of the building. There is more glass (windows) and the roof style is more similar to the current gambrel style in part. Since the MBLC is requiring the large meeting room to be moved to the garden level, other changes followed.

The garden level will have space for ESL and Special Collections in addition to the large meeting room. The main level will house the children's section on the left, front to back, and some adult fiction as well as a teen space with skylight above. Circulation desks will be noticeable and in the center. Stairs and much of the woodwork will be retained. Adult print non-fiction will be split between this floor and the second floor. There will be a reading area in the front of the building on the second floor. Reference will be here as well as some computers. The third level will not really change from what was submitted in the grant application.

Some issues discussed briefly in addition to those mentioned above included access after hours, window design, roof design, safety exits, signage, and space for corridors.

The Feasibility and Design Committee liked these new plans and agreed that the architects should go forward with developing the schematic design. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

Kent reported on his and Sharon's meeting with Doug Kelleher, Epsilon Consultants, and Jim Alexander (FAA) yesterday regarding state and federal historic tax credits. The project is worth doing and maintaining the front main staircase is important. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2020.

Sharon reported that the CPAC will recommend \$1 million in CPA funding for the Special Collections part of the building/renovation project, conditional on the Council approving the project.

- V. Meeting adjourned about 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Ratner