CONSTRUCTION GRANT ROUND MONTHLY REPORT
Jones Library, Inc.
April 2023

1. Approval Process
   A. Met with MBLC to discuss the 75% Design Development designs.
   B. Met with Amherst Disability Access Advisory Committee to discuss the planned interior, 4-11-23

2. Design Development
   A. Interior/exterior colors/finishes continued to be developed.
   B. Interior/exterior layout/designs continued to be developed.
   C. Met with FAA and Stefura specifically regarding furnishings for the Special Collections Department, 4-14-23.
   D. Met with FAA regarding the floorplans and landscaping ideas including:

   - Landscaping:
     o Kids play space – to be enclosed by classic wrought iron fence and shrubs
     o Front yard
       ▪ semi-circle walking path along with a straight path to Amity (which includes stairs – requested by DAAC)
       ▪ shrubs
       ▪ canopy over front door vs. better snow guards
     o Driveway updates
     o Rear
       ▪ Two paths to CVS lot
       ▪ Seating – stone and furniture for all ages/heights
       ▪ Two rain garden crossings
       ▪ Will use reclaimed granite/slate/benches
     o Lighting/outlets/hose bibs

   - Ground floor:
     o AV controls to be placed on the wall in the Woodbury Room, rather than in a closet
     o Power boxes in floors of meeting rooms

   - 1st floor
     o Boutique – behind circulation desk
     o Self-check and self-holds – just north of adult circ desk (closer to café)
     o Friends book sale – where it is now
     o Musical instruments – in a locked case in room with barrel vaulted ceiling
     o Optima entrance
     o AMHS – straight!
     o Head of Borrower Services Office
     o Two quiet study rooms
     o Kids circ desk – a gate at the circ desk with shelving behind

   - 2nd Floor
     o 22 seated computer stations (2 of which are scanning stations); 3 standing stations (print release/reservations/PAC)
     o Staff desk in between two quiet adult reading rooms - lockable
     o Three quiet study rooms
     o YA room to be reconfigured a bit...door to move further south (for sitelines)
     o Restrooms to be flipped with ESL tutor rooms (for sitelines to restrooms)
3. Capital Campaign
   A. Awarded a $1 million National Endowment for the Humanities grant in order to fund our Lower Level Humanities Center, 4-18-23.
   B. Met with Epsilon Associates in order to plan for our April 2023 Massachusetts Historic Tax Credits (MHTC) application, 4-25-23.
   C. Met with representatives from the National Park Service regarding a Save America’s Treasures grant, 4-27-23.
   D. Continued to provide tours of the Library for potential donors.
   E. Supporters are increasing their total pledge amounts in advance of final Town Council vote at the end of calendar year 2023.
   F. Our Capital Campaign Committee had reached by the end of April:
      i. 83% of its $7 million November 2023 (FY24) goal (from all sources)!
      ii. 39% of its $6 million July 2026 (FY27) goal (from the community)!
      iii. 41% of its $14 million July 2026 (FY27) goal (from all sources)!