

Chester Library Building Committee
Regularly Scheduled Meeting, March 2, 2016
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Building Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT. In attendance were Denny Tovey, Steven Tiezzi, Terry Schreiber, Chuck Mueller, Lois Nadel, Linda Fox, Cary Hull, Lauren Gister, Pat Holloway, Peter Harding, and Aaron Page. Committee member Bob Gorman was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Drayton Fair, Kathleen Bartels, and Mallory Demty from LLB Architects.

Chairman Tovey called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Committee Personnel

Aaron Page was introduced as the newest member of the LBC. He will be representing Park & Rec.

Linda Fox will be resigning as Chester Library Director as soon as a replacement can be hired.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

1. January 20, 2016, meeting minutes

Motion by Holloway, seconded by Schreiber, to approve the January 20, 2016, minutes as presented.

Discussion: Item 2 revise the name 'Nadal' to 'Nadel'

Item 3, correct the typo 'meting' to 'meeting'

Item 3, revise the word 'win' to 'in'

Item 5, bullet under Karin Badger, add 'clear direction has not been given to the Architect' after the word 'good'

Item 6, first bullet under Karen Carpenter, correct the typo 'wee' to 'we'

Item 6, second bullet under John Williams, delete the words "but that building was" and replace with 'that they were'

Item 6, revise the name 'Carpel' to 'Krempel'

Item 7.4, delete the reference to 'Chester Library'

Item 7.5, correct the spelling of 'security' to 'security'

Motion passed as amended.

2. February 3, 2016, meeting minutes

Motion by Hull, seconded by Schreiber, to approve the January 20, 2016, minutes as presented.

Motion passed. Holloway abstained.

4. Architect's Presentation/Discussion

LLB Architects present a revised design option 11; copies of the drawings are attached. LLB indicated:

- LLB indicated that they are working on the height of the entrance. They felt the entrance as presented may be too high;
- Removed the doors in the children's room for security purposes;
- LLB sketched the roof plan but needs to finalize and continue looking at it;
- Moved the library into the connector
- Fits into the scale of the surrounding buildings
- Identified roof locations for possible solar panels;
- Shelving to be flexible

Committee comments:

- LLB addressed many of our concerns;
- The building has grown a bit in size. This remains a concern for the committee;
- Maximize the size of the playground area;
- Relationship to the park is still a concern for the committee;
- Contrast of the extrusion with the traditional wings needs further study;
- Height of the entrance needs development;
- Extent of the south wall facing glass needs to be better defined;
- Doors from the meeting room to the reading garden would be desirable;
- Have the extrusion extend through the entrance;
- Is the break room really required;
- Glass wall/types of glass need to be determined.

LLB will continue to develop the design and present updated ideas at the March 16th meeting.

5. Audience of Citizens

Karin Badger

- Good interior layout;
- Contrast needs further

6. Old Business

- Existing Library – First Selectwoman Gister still needs to speak with town attorney, John Bennett, regarding the legal options for the existing library site.

7. New Business

- Nadel indicated that one way to improve communications with a broader range of the town would be to begin referring to the building as a Community Center and not just a Library;

- Human Library Forum program is scheduled for this Sunday, March 6th at Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek;
- Development of a playground sub committee was discussed. Park & Rec. has a list of equipment that they want incorporated into the new playground. That list will be provided at the next meeting and provided to LLB Architects.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Hull, seconded by Nadel, to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

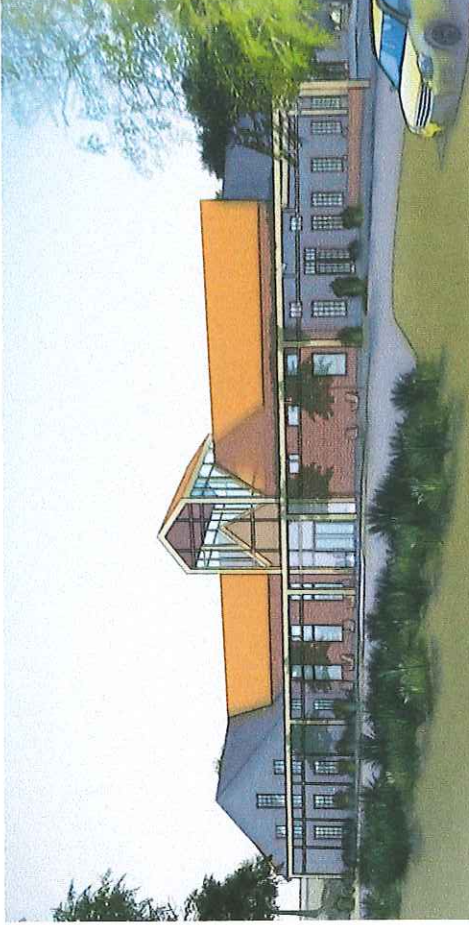
Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Denny Tovey



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SITE PLACEMENT OPTION 11



VIEW FROM PARKING LOT



VIEW FROM SITE ENTRY



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