

Chester Library Building Committee

Regularly Scheduled Meeting, February 3, 2016

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Building Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 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 and Cary Hull, Peter Harding, and Lauren Gister. Absent: Bob Gorman, Pat Holloway,

Chairman Tovey called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

No action

3. Design Discussion with Architect

Utilizing the seven design parameters discussed at the January 20th meeting as a guide a discussion took place between the LBC and LLB Architects. Comments included;

- Earliest LLB renderings showing a rustic, exposed wood trellis was interesting to many;
- Pavilion shape building, with some columns and patios could be incorporated into the design;
- The entry and how the interior space connects the two wings has been an area of concern, LLB indicated that they have been concentrating on the massing of the two main wings;
- The entry needs to have more of a presence;
- LLB indicated that the two wings connected by an entry piece was causing a collision of forms that could possibly be solved by including the entry into one of the wings to form an L-shape mass;
- The roof needs to be further studied to determine if one unifying roof is possible;
- The height of the roof was discussed in that a 35' high structure, down in the park, should not shield away from and could actually work well;
- Breaking up the floor the plans to eliminate a single front plane elevation should be considered;
- A front entry that includes an overhang to create an layering effect of the front elevation would assist in breaking up the floor plan;
- Open work room for the staff could work well, however, a small break area would be necessary;

LLB will go back and review the design discussion and present new ideas at the March 2nd meeting.

4. Audience of Citizens

Karin Badger

- LBC does not appear to know what it wants in the building or the style of the building. She feels that the LBC should find agreement on those items prior to moving forward;

- She indicated that she feels she has been insulated from the process;

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Susan Wright

- Asked how much has been spent on the design to date, Chairman Tovey indicated approximately \$60,000 out of the total \$92,200 has been paid to date, LBC member Tiezzi further explained that the amount spent to day is not really relevant as the Architect is working on a lump sum contract and must deliver his work scope for a certain fee regardless of how long it takes.

Committee explained that once a schematic design is thoroughly completed then a presentation would be scheduled. Any type of presentation before that completed milestone would be premature.

5. New Business

First Selectwoman Gister indicated that Aaron Page is expected to be named to the Committee as a representative of Park and Recreation;

The next regularly scheduled meeting of February 17, 2016 is canceled.

6. Adjournment

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

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Denny Tovey