

DESIGN TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Deerfield Public Library Board of Trustees
Deerfield Public Library
April 2, 2011

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attending: Board: Ken Abosch - President, Mary Courtney, Marla Bark Dembitz, Sunday Mueller, Jeff Rivlin, and Ron Simon. Staff: Mary Pergander - Library Director, Carol Dolin - Business Manager.

Design Team: Jenni Betancourt - PSA Dewberry, Brian Meade - PSA Dewberry, Doug Pfeiffer - PSA Dewberry, and Adam McMillan - KJWW.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, and CORRESPONDENCE.
None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA
None.

4. OLD BUSINESS
None.

5. NEW BUSINESS - Discussion – Board Integrated Design Charrette #1

A. Introduction

Mr. Pfeiffer outlined the goals of the Charrette, which is the first of several to occur at significant milestones in the project.

- 1) Bring the decision makers and design team together to confirm the vision for the project and revisit the goals that came out of the 2009 visioning meetings of the Board, staff, and PSA Dewberry
- 2) Share potential options for PSA Dewberry's plan to implement the vision and get direction from the Board before moving forward

B. Library Goals for the Project

- 1) 2009 Visioning exercise revisited - the top three goals for the overall project:

- a) Flexible – able to adapt as technology, library services, and community needs evolve
- b) Inviting and exciting – patrons and staff enjoy being in the building
- c) Functional and intuitive – utility is key in design decisions

- 2) Site goals

Parking is important, but the larger quadrant parking issues cannot be solved within the scope of the Library project. The Board's goal is to build the most welcoming and useful library possible on the site, being mindful of the safety of patrons entering and leaving the building. Perhaps a partnership with neighbors in the quadrant can address the larger parking issues in the future.

- 3) Exterior building goals

The renovated and expanded Library should make a statement that draws people from Waukegan Road and from the park. All windows will likely be replaced to increase energy efficiency and contribute to building transparency.

- 4) MEP/FP/Technology Goals and mechanical system recommendations

There are limited options to use alternative energy sources. Solar would produce too little power to heat or cool the building and too much for water heating. A geothermal

system requires more land than the site offers. A hybrid geothermal/traditional system would still require soil testing to determine if the site's soil content is conducive to geothermal energy, which would be a substantial added expense with no guarantee on return. A potential 20-25% gain in energy efficiency can be achieved by installing a like for like traditional system, and possibly heat, cool, and light the expanded building without using more energy. A larger penthouse would be required. This added height could be creatively incorporated into the design to bring the Library building into scale with the adjacent buildings.

5) Sustainability Goals / Integrated Design

Green field or water gardens are not possible due to site constraints. Other options may be possible and should be incorporated as long as the cost is not prohibitive. Green options that provide a reasonable return on investment, that are visible to the public, or present a learning opportunity that can be featured in the Library should be pursued.

LEED certification is expensive and, based on feedback received by the Board, does not add value for Deerfield residents. The design process should be mindful of being green, and benchmark against LEED standards or better where possible, but LEED certification is not a priority. Potential grant opportunities may offset costs for certain projects, which may then make sense to pursue. A questions and answer guide will be developed about green options and reasons for pursuing or rejecting them.

C. Interior Goals

1) Goals from feedback on visits to other libraries

- a) Grand entry that opens up to possibilities within
- b) Generally open and flexible floor plan
- c) Inviting "hotel lobby" feel
- d) High ceilings and fireplace, especially near the entry (as at Glenview)

2) Interior Goals – critical measures of success

- a) Welcoming and comfortable
- b) Attractive and durable
- c) Entry that draws people in, intuitive design
- d) Timelessness may mean something different for each person and is not necessarily a quality that is easily measured – not a top goal

3) Entry and meeting rooms - location of meeting rooms helps drive the decision about entry location

- a) large block of space in the overall design
- b) should be near the entrance to allow access when the rest of the Library is closed

D. Possible Entry and Addition Locations

The board reviewed three alternatives for expanding the square footage and locating meeting rooms in the redesign. After discussion the Board expressed a preference for Idea B as the plan that best fits the vision for the renovated and expanded library.

1) Idea B – Lower Level Meeting Rooms

a) Pros

- i. West end addition with lower level meeting rooms and main level adult reading room, vending, and other high interest activity near entry
- ii. Nice flow from grand entrance into adult reading and high interest space
- iii. Meeting rooms on lower level are accessible when Library is closed, but don't use high demand, naturally lighted space
- iv. Creates transparency for Library activity to create interest
- v. Builds out on the east to draw from Waukegan Road

- vi. Terraced gardens north and south of the east addition brings natural light to the lower level for inviting quiet adult reading space
- vii. Achieves the desired high energy upper level and quieter, more introspective lower level
- viii. No additional loss of parking beyond re-striping, which has to be done in any plan
- ix. No parallel parking

b) Cons

- i. Board expressed no cons for this plan
- ii. Requested exploration of a hybrid of Idea B and Idea C if it would be possible within the budgetary constraints

E. Next steps

- 1) Build on Idea B and carry the plan to the next phase of design. The next Charrette with design team and staff will be during the week of April 11 to consider:
 - a) Does the flow work?
 - b) Do adjacencies make sense? Is the plan functional?
- 2) Board Charrette #2 on the morning of April 16

6. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.