

**Belleville Area District Library Board
Building Committee Meeting Notes
June 15, 2017**

In attendance: Joy Cichewicz, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Dan Whisler, Alex Salvadero, and Mary Jo Suchy.

The meeting convened at 10:16 AM.

Brian Barrick, from the project's engineering and landscape architect firm, submitted questions to the city regarding proposed alley traffic patterns, number of parking spaces, the intent of the design standards in the city's ordinance, the location of the dumpster and delivery area, the proposed utility design, and construction logistics. They hope to hold a meeting with Rick Rutherford about these topics. There are items in the ordinance that don't completely apply to a public library.

Dan Whisler distributed updated floor plan options.

First Floor Option A:

- The circular entry vestibule was pulled out a bit to give more space. The Friend's and copier area is still a work in progress.
- More storage was added in the program room, and as a result, the fireplace was reoriented.
- Some staff space was added into the children's area.
- Dan will get pricing for us for a basement, but he feels it will be too cost prohibitive and will not provide the best value per square foot considering how much of the added space is used for the stairs and elevator. A basement could solve multiple issues, however.

First Floor Option B:

- The storage closet in the meeting room was made deeper, but the popular area would be less easy to supervise.
- The story time room was moved but is no longer in visual contact for parents who wish to browse in the popular materials area. It is much less accessible to use for other types of programming.
- The stack space is improved.
- Craft supplies are adjacent to both the staff area and the story room.

The committee determined that they did not like Option B. They also suggested having a door going into the children's garden and protective fencing on the perimeter of the garden.

Second Floor:

- The second opening in the floor (by the teen area) was filled in, and the group study rooms (glassed in) were moved there. This will help solve noise issues from the teen area and from the children's area below.
- The wall in the teen space area where it overlooks the roof was extended to create more space.
- The quiet room, local history room, and bathrooms were moved. The local history room is now located on an interior wall.
- A unisex bathroom was added.
- The copier/print release station was located adjacent to the balcony area.
- The staff offices were moved slightly to accommodate the stack area. - The wall over the Roy's Street rooftop area was extended to create more space.

Bumping out walls on the second floor will be less costly than building a basement.

The next building committee will be June 29, 2017, at 9 am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm