

MARLBOROUGH LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

Project:	Marlborough Library Marlborough, MA	Meeting Date:	January 9, 2020
Time:	6:30 PM	Meeting Location:	Walker Building
Meeting:	06	Report By:	Alicia Monks
Attending:	Margaret Cardello, Library Director Andy White, Facilities Supervisor John Irish, City Councilor Dennis Cavanaugh, Community Member Samantha Khosla, Library Trustee	Tom DiPersio, City Engineer Tom Abel, Library Trustee R. Drayton Fair, LLB Architects Alicia Monks, Daedalus Projects	
Absent:	Steve LeDuc, Community Member Vinny Farese, Community Member	Mallory Demty, LLB Architects Tom Gatzunis, Daedalus Projects	

Item	Action
06-1 Meeting Minutes Tom DiPersio made motion to approve the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Tom Abel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	
06-2 Director's Update Margaret provided updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temporary Library 1/9: Progress continues on the temporary library planning. IT network plans are being developed for both the offices and the public space in the hallway. - The elevator is slated to be repaired prior to the Temporary Library move. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11/21 The City has begun work to open up the corridor from the elevator to the main corridor. Repair parts are in transit for the elevator. - There will be a series of roll out meetings that will include the Mayor, City Council, Historic Commission plus Public Information Sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11/21 City Council January with the new members; Historic District Commission 12/19 @ 7:00pm; Building Committee 12/11 @ 6:30pm, Public Information sessions January - 12/11 Historical Commission meeting will be 12/19 at 7 pm. - 1/9 Historic Commission meeting went well, votes was 5 to 1 in support of the project. Concerns were expressed about the "institutional look" of the additions and the windows on the West Main Street side "somehow reflect even minimal elements of the original building's Palladian windows". A copy of the letter sent has been attached to these minutes. - 1/9 Once the meeting has been set with the Finance Committee and the Mayor, the dates for the public sessions 	

	<p>will be set and publicized on the Library website, Facebook, Chamber of Commerce and MEDC. Committee Members are encouraged to attend.</p>	
06-3	<p>Design Review</p> <p>LEED Silver is the (minimum) goal for the project. As the design progresses, LLB will review the LEED Scorecard with the Building Committee.</p> <p>Drayton shared the Historic Commission presentations and presented a draft version of the presentation anticipated to be shared during the Public Sessions. Some of the exterior colors were modified to be more similar to the earthy tones of historic building. This shift away from all grey was generally liked by the Committee.</p> <p>Drayton was asked to consider the Historic Commission's comments. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p>There was a perspective shown from the front door looking across the new courtyard. Relocating the sculptures from the West Main side of the building into the courtyard was discussed and embraced by the Committee. The greenery was preferred at the edges and not within the courtyard.</p> <p>It was noted that the improved accessibility should be emphasized in the public sessions.</p>	
06-4	<p>Alicia noted that the Geotech borings were completed and the report has been forwarded to the design team. It appears that there will be a minimal amount of rock removal required, but the engineers will need to review.</p>	
06-5	<p>There was a general discussion about one of the public sessions being broadcast onto the local Marlborough TV or even The Mayor's Corner.</p>	
06-6	<p>There was a question about automatic entry doors. These can be very helpful, but can cause the entry lobby to be cool. LLB will review the entry, vestibule and lobby size for further discussion.</p>	
06-7	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p> <p>The next meeting will be February 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Walker Building Conference room.</p>	

Cc: Letter dated December 30, 2019 from the Marlborough Historic Commission

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Margaret Cardello
Marlborough Public Library
35 West Main Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Dear Margaret,

The Marlborough Historical Commission voted 5 to 1 at a public meeting last night, December 19, 2019, to approve the Library Expansion Committee's Proposal for moving on with the development of a new Library.

The primary requirement that the original Carnegie Building be historically preserved and enhanced was met.

The emphasis on the practical and efficient layout of the library's internal facilities seems to be well thought out and incorporated within the new building.

The only aesthetic concern raised by one or two members of our Commission was the new addition's seeming "institutional" look, at least as presented in the proposed renderings. One suggestion was that the new windows somehow reflect even minimal elements of the original building's Palladium windows. Each member of our Commission, however, is aware that aesthetics is also a function of budget.

Our mandate as a municipal agency requires us to address these matters as an advisory body and not as an enforcement agent.

Thank you for your efforts, and please call on us again as an interested party in your on-going progress.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Fagone", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert A. Fagone, Chair
Marlborough Historical Commission
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