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Library Construction Committee

March 19, 2018, 6:30 pm

John F. McCullough Building

Mary McElroy Meeting Room

182 Green Street

Weymouth, MA 02191

Members Present: Nicholas Bulens (Chair), Robert MacLean (Vice Chair), George Berg, Rebecca Barbara, Dennis Corcoran, Mark Jennings, Matthew Tallon, Diana Flemer, Cathey Torrey, Ted Langill (arrived at 7:15 pm)

Member Absent: TJ Lacey, Jennifer Barrett Siegal, John MacLeod

Also Present: Robert Luongo, Director of Planning, Paul Kalous, Hill International, Christopher Blessen, Tappé Architects, Jeff Hoover, Tappé Architects

Recording Secretary: Janet P. Murray

Mr. Bulens called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

1. Design Scheme Presentation and Committee Feedback

Mr. Blessen spoke about the preliminary design scheme. He noted the site's constraints and challenges. He stated that in planning the design, being a good neighbor, preserving trees, and maintaining the park are important elements.

Mr. Blessen explained the implications of the Article 97 deed restriction on the parkland. In order to make a change to the land, approval is required from the state legislature.

Mr. Hoover reviewed the various possible configurations for the library. The committee took a 10-minute recess to review the design schemes presented.

Mr. MacLean asked if each scheme meets the square footage requirements of the Library Building Program. Mr. Blessen stated that the plans are based on 50,000 square footage.

The committee discussed the many pros and cons regarding the schemes. Points were made about seating, terracing, potential loss of trees, and placement of the children's space.

2. Plans for Public Forum

Mr. Bulens stated that the forum will be held on Thursday March 22, 2018 at the Abigail Adams Middle School's auditorium. A project email address (tuftslibraryproject@weymouth.ma.us) has been created for residents to send questions and comments.

Mr. Tallon asked feedback could be collected from libraries regarding placement of children's room on the second floor versus the first floor. Mr. Kalous stated that he would work to get this information.

3. Resident and Community Comment

Ms. Flemer made a motion to take this agenda item out of order and was seconded by Mr. Berg. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Pat O'Leary, member of the Board of the Trustees of the Public Library, spoke about the terracing and outdoor space on the schemes.

Cate Parsley of 36 Broad Street asked if the schemes could show parking details for the presentation at the public forum.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting is the public forum on March 22, 2018. The next meeting after that is Monday, April 2, 2018.

Mr. Berg made a motion to present Scheme 1 at the public forum for purposes of showing the progression from the grant proposal to the currently developed schemes but to not develop Scheme 1 further. He was seconded by Mr. Corcoran. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

5. Adjournment

Ms. Torrey made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm and was seconded by Mr. Jennings. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved:



Nicholas Bulens, Chair

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Date