

A special meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control and the Building Committee was called to order by President Andrew Duhon at 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2011 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Bennett Bernard, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer, Kay Theunissen and Mark Tullos. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elbersen, Library Administrator, and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Building committee members present included Susan Hamilton, Gail Smith and Mike Hollier. Consultant architect Denelle Wrightson, Project Architects Charles Bezley and Jon Maak and Public Works Engineer Jessica Cornay were present.

SCHEMATIC DESIGN PRESENTATION TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

East Regional Library project architect Charles Bezley presented the Schematic Design for the East Regional Library and provided a written narrative for the design. Mr. Bezley stated that several meetings have been held with library staff and the consultant architect to produce the proposed schematic design for the library. The library is sited at the Fabacher Field complex and an issue of concern originally was foul balls from the ballpark. Mr. Bezley stated that the distance of the proposed library from the baseball field is sufficient to eliminate that issue from consideration. The building is sited on the property so that when approaching on La Neuville Road, clear views are possible. The plan provides for 72 parking spaces for cars and three spaces for buses.

The building is organized into three distinct zones; public areas for meeting rooms including after hours access, staff area, and collection area. The new library is envisioned as a pavilion in the park. Special features include a series of glass boxes with broad roofs hovering over the landscape allowing large open areas to view the green space outside. The children's area and the adult area will feature high-ceilinged areas with clear views around the perimeter to capture natural light. The collection area was identified with the ability for further expansion. For the meeting rooms, research will be conducted on a room divider wall that comes down from the ceiling for ease of use as well as sound insulation.

The exterior will feature a combination of brick, polished concrete masonry and glass. Exposed columns will be a stainless steel pipe. Landscaping will provide the impression of a park setting consisting mainly of trees and lawn areas. The stormwater retention pond will serve visually and recreationally as a water feature.

The total square footage presented in the schematic design is 15,402 square feet, just slightly over the programmed square footage. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$4.2 million, which is over the \$3.7 million budgeted. Architect Bezley stressed that the estimate was preliminary, and part of the extra cost was approximately \$120,000 of solar panels and a \$200,000 generator that would power the entire building. During the Design Development phase, the cost will change as we refine or eliminate some of these features.

Following discussion, Dr. Kreamer moved to accept the director's recommendation to approve the schematic design and request LCG Public Works to issue a notice to the architect to proceed to the design development phase of the project. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor. The architect will have 60 days to complete the design development phase followed by 90 days for the construction documents phase.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Louisiana Library Association conference will be held at the Lafayette Cajundome Convention Center beginning on March 17 and continuing until March 19. Board members were reminded of the trustee reception to be held at the University Art Museum on March 17th.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public. The next library board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary