

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 June 6, 2011 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Suzanne Dardeau, Jean Kreamer, and Kay Theunissen. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator, and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Building committee members present included Tom Carroll, Gail Smith and Lee Verret. Consultant architect Denelle Wrightson, Project Architects Charles Beazley and Jon Maak and Public Works Engineer Jessica Cornay were present. Mr. Sheldon Blue and Mrs. Adele Blue were also present.

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

East Regional Library project architect Charles Beazley presented the Design Development for the East Regional Library and provided a written narrative for the design. Mr. Beazley stated that several meetings have been held with library staff and the consultant architect to produce the proposed design development for the library.

Mr. Beazley highlighted the plan for the front entrance. The main entry canopy forms a sloped roof opposing that of the meeting rooms. The exterior walls will be a combination of brick, polished concrete masonry and glass. The roofs are prefinished metal in a natural weathered zinc color.

Mr. Beazley reported that the current budget for the facility is \$3,750,000 and the current projected construction cost is \$4,906,000 or a budget overrun of 30%. Several factors contributing to the overrun were cited. These included:

- Building size – the building program calls for a 15,000 square foot facility. The current design is 15,731 square feet. The architects have identified areas that could be reduced to bring the building into compliance with the building program without comprising the integrity of the building. These areas are the staff work room, staff break room, the teen area and the storytelling room.
- Site considerations – Because of the location of the building and the low elevations of the site, a large amount of fill is being required. The architect suggested an option of padding the site and allowing the fill to settle substantially over a period of 4-6 months. The board and building committee were not in favor of this particular option as construction costs may continue to escalate during that period.
- The building program requires a natural gas generator, which costs substantially more than a diesel gas generator. In addition, the current configuration would permit the entire building to run on generator power during an outage. The mechanical engineers will be requested to re-design the back up power plan to include only those critical areas needing power during an outage.
- Additional systems and equipment, such as closed circuit TV system, public address system, and audio systems that were not originally included in the project have been added at a cost of \$170,000.

Additional modifications to the building program and the schematic design have already been implemented to reduce estimated costs. The meeting room was originally planned to have two divider walls creating three separate spaces. One of the divider walls has been eliminated and the 1500 square foot space will be equally divided into two 750 square foot spaces. In addition, the group study rooms will be reduced to four rooms rather than five, with one room of 200 square feet to accommodate a group of 10 for small meetings. In the teen area, a colorful vinyl window graphic design was originally planned. This will be moved from the base bid to an alternate with a cost reduction of approximately \$5,000.

The architect reported that the use contrasting brick will be used on the exterior rather than the proposed polished concrete masonry unit (CMU) that was originally proposed. The CMU was originally proposed to be included in the interior of the library, however the architect has revised the plan to eliminate this element in the interior. The canopy roof will also be modified to a solid roof rather than the proposed translucent roof.

The proposed parking lot is configured with more spaces than required by either code or the library's building program. Approximately 18 spaces will be moved to an alternate and will reduce the base bid by at least \$40,000.

Ms. Dombourian stated that the library is working on the book budget and looking at additional opportunities to reduce the project costs.

The Library Board and Building Committee will continue review of the project design and budget. No action was taken at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Jefferson Street Branch will participate in the second Saturday Art Walk on Saturday, June 11, 2011. The watercolor collection by Dr. Jean Kremer is on display for the event.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public. The next library board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary