

EXCERPT FROM THE JULY 27 MI LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Final KCLS Goals and discussion of renovation plans with architect

Chair Brian Cairns indicated that at last meeting, he asked that if anyone had any suggestions, they send them to him. The following comments were received and forwarded to Director Wasdin.

- Lori Robinson: No mention in goals of outer room and how it might be utilized.
- Lea Reule: Legalities surrounding entrance/exit to children's rooms.
- Bart Dawson: Submitted a full page of comments in written form.

As to whether or not there might be windows in the meeting room, Chair Cairns commented that the objective is to make maximum use of the room, and keeping that in mind, going forward with the goals. Director Wasdin said the comments were all very helpful. There are still a lot of questions. There will be a number of options and decisions to make along the way.

Miller Hull architects Ruth Baleiko and Sian Roberts reviewed the **KCLS Proposed Plans for Mercer Island Library** with the board. They answered questions and agreed to take a closer look and return to the Board with options where indicated. It was agreed that many of the items on the list of goals will ultimately be the decision of the Library, not the architects, so they will defer to Director Wasdin on those.

Overall Goals

- Maintain existing collection shelving with room for ongoing planned growth. No shelving is being taken out. There is space for growth and additional display shelving to be added.
- Current light fixtures to stay. Energy efficiency to be realized by changing out the bulbs.

Technology

- KCLS is working on updating computers, wireless connectivity, and wireless printing.
- The architects are looking at creative ways to provide as much power as they can without tearing up the concrete floor which would lead to a longer closing time.

Children's Area

- Nothing will be done with the door. A panic bar will not be installed. The room meets code without it. The door could be locked to eliminate access.
- The addition of computers or iPads to the existing children's computer area will be looked at as the design progresses to see if there is space.
- Space restrictions may require swapping out some existing chairs for something more creative in order to add cozy seating. Architects will come back with seating options.

Teen Area

- Replacing existing tables with tables that would be more easily configurable as well as additional charging stations can both be easily accomplished.

Restrooms

- Updating fixtures is doable as long as the same plumbing is used. This is more an esthetic than a functional problem.

- With regard to the addition of a shelf near the sink, the architects will review the accessibility code to see if it can be met. There may not be enough space. If not, another location may work.

Meeting Room

- These are all pretty straight forward and should be easily accomplished.
- The addition of a window to the exterior meeting room wall would be the one thing that will affect the construction schedule.
- The board would like to see some options for adjustment of the closets and door configurations.
- In addition to replacing the carpet, Bart Dawson would like to see the meeting room brightened and made more inviting.
- Consider an option for audio visual equipment.

Information/Circulation Desk

- Both easily achievable.

Study Room

- Several options will be provided for a study room addition looking at what the tradeoffs might be.

Action Item: Bart Dawson asked Director Wasdin to provide an operational solution to accessibility and use of the meeting room. What is the collection going to look like in 10 years? He would like to have something in writing as to what we are going to do. Director Wasdin responded that the library will be completely different in 2020. Nothing should be considered a 10 year solution. Libraries change rapidly. He felt the safest thing to say is that the meeting room will be more accessible.

General

- Architects will look to see if there is extra space to allow more tables/seating once the new pieces go in.
- Keep the exterior drive-up book drop. The interior receptacle will be configured to accommodate the AMH integration.
- Noise cancelling system has not been explored. Need to talk to consultant and see what it looks like to introduce it.
- PA system – in order for it to work effectively speakers will need to be in specific places. Architects will have to look how to power with engineers.
- Sprinkler system is not required by code.

Staff Workroom

- With the addition of the AMH machine, the workroom will require a great deal of study to reconfigure.
- The staff breakroom upstairs is not accessible, and is not really useful space from code standpoint. It may have to be deemed long-term storage space or mechanical access. Architects will try to be creative as far as what it can be used for.