

Boyceville Public Library Building Committee

August 7th, 2023 Meeting Notes

Board Members Present: J. Thompson, J. Markham, K. Anderson, E. Blodgett, M. Blodgett, A. Peterson, C. Kyser, C. McNamara, A. Ames

Others Present: V. Schute, M. Bryan

Board Members Absent: C. Lange, G. Julson,

The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m.

Notes from the prior meeting

Motion to approve prior meeting notes, unanimous approval.

Upcoming Site Control Meeting: August 10th

K. Anderson, J. Thompson, & J. Markham will meet with members of the Village Board re. site control.

V. Schute's presentation

Introduced Matt Bryan.

V. Schute plans to purchase a copy of "The Great Good Place" to donate to the library. Having difficulty finding a copy in good condition.

Discussed the evolution of meeting rooms, formerly known as community rooms. Do we want to keep the meeting room with separate access outside of the library? This room size needs two exits. Could also be two exits + one entrance.

Overview of "A, B, C" packet

Options A, B, C, vary in vehicular access and parking spaces.

Do we want parking lot access from Tiffany Street? Drivers would use it as a cut-across. Concerns about high school activity patrons using the library parking lot.

Thoughts on the proposed layouts

Option C: K. Anderson & M. Blodgett – Switch the office and mechanical rooms.

C. Kyser disagrees with putting mechanicals on the roof.

Would a basement be feasible? Where is the floodplain? Find out if the proposed site is in a flood plain.

J Markham, possibly give up the outdoor green space in C by the office.

E. Blodgett, secure maker space after hours

J. Thompson, remove the stage for other purposes. The proposed stage on C is 18 inches high

No room in the current proposed layouts to store tables and chairs. Layouts are intentionally open-ended.

M. Blodgett, restroom in the staff area. Sink/kitchenette area in the staff area.

The group as a whole favors Option C.

J. Markham, Let's keep looking at C.

Eliminate parking access off of Tiffany Street.

The importance of the Main Street "edge" – that the long side of the building is on Main Street.

Two entrances, front and back?

Need a centrally located circ desk.

Further discussed the differences between B & C.

C. Kyser had to leave. E. Blodgett stepped in as secretary for the remainder of the meeting.

Two entrances, Main Street and alley/parking lot. We like that a lot.

No thru parking lot to Tiffany Street, which is a real strength of option C.

Floodplain status needs to be discovered to see if the basement mechanical space is in play or not.

In C, swap the Circulation desk and Mechanical so Circ is more central and more easily inside the "library is closed" area. Could also put a nice book drop that would go right into the office/circ desk.

Drive-thru drop would sacrifice some parking space. Val says drive-thru drops just cannot have an overhang without it getting clipped, but a walk-up drop could have an overhang for shelter.

Put handicapped parking spots close to book drop. We don't want to sacrifice trees and parking for the ease of a drive-through book drop. We agreed that a transaction window should be off the table. We were generally in favor of a walk-up book drop with a canopy and proximity to some handicapped parking. The canopy could extend to cover entrance doors.

M Blodgett spoke in favor of a limited access staff/service entrance in the office for deliveries rather than coming through the main north entrance. C McNamara and J Thompson suggested

the possibility of an interior staff entrance just inside the north entrance so that staff and deliveries could still be done without a lot of extra walking for the couriers.

J. Thompson asked if there could be a sidewalk in the west parking lot to facilitate north/south pedestrian flow.

Make sure the closed garden has lawnmower access (goats!) or make it a plaza/patio? The garden is about 500 square feet in option C. Keep in mind that it can be hard to monitor that outdoor space. We do already have the Friendship Garden Park in the same block, making an outdoor garden space less unique. But a nice outdoor space to sit and read could still be nice.

Sightlines for the staff are always important.

Having the children's area closer to the toilets is important to us, whether or not it has tiny toilets.

We did a recap of the sense of the discussions.

Upcoming meetings

Skip Labor Day, to September 11 and September 25. (Note: September 11 meeting was cancelled.) We'll decide on October meetings after that.

Motion to adjourn by A. Ames, second by E. Blodgett.

We voted with our feet!