

ILSLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, May 11, 2017

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Ilsley Public Library 2nd floor, Vermont Room.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: John Freidin, Chair; Christina Johnston; Dennis O'Brien; John McLeod; Maria Graham; Victor Nuovo. Kevin Unrath, Library Director. Catherine Nichols, Library Board president. Bob Champlin, resident and former board member. Ken Perine, resident. Chris Kirby, staff member. Kurt Broderson, MCTV Director.

4:33 Meeting called to order.

4:35 Public and Committee Comments.

Mr. Champlin complimented the architects on their work. He expressed continued concern about parking. He would like to see us continue to look at other building sites, including Rec. Park and the Middle Road at Court St.

Mr. Broderson was concerned about site lines around the support columns in the Children's Room for MCTV. The committee assured him that placement of space in the plan was in flux, and changes were still very possible and desirable.

4:45 Consideration of minutes of March 16th meeting. (See below.)

Approved as amended.

4:50 Update on meetings with Angelo Lynn and town Design Advisory Committee.

Mr. O'Brien relayed that the meeting with Mr. Lynn was positive, and that Mr. Lynn suggested we look at publicizing our efforts to the larger community (via videos, stories in the paper, other means)

DAC meeting was also positive. They overall with our approach, and made several specific suggestions that were helpful.

Mr. Freidin ask the committee if other community leaders should be invited to hear about the project. Suggestions included editor of Middlebury College magazine; Downtown business leaders; Hawthorne club; Chair and Vice-Chair of Middlebury Selectboard; John Tenney and Dean George.

Ms. Nichols suggested talking with Doug Anderson about his fundraising experience in Middlebury. Mr. Freidin added that meeting with local clergy would be useful in this respect.

5:00 Update from Kevin Unrath on possible movement of the library garden.

Mr. Unrath relayed the possibility of relocating the garden plants and soil during construction, and then re-installing them (with the soil) after the project is completed. Library gardener is on board with this.

5:10 Review of the Gossens Bachman draft final report.

Committee will write a "public-facing" summary of findings; Mr. Perine recommended that we outline more clearly and in more technical detail why the 1988 addition needs to be removed in order to make project successful. Mr. Freidin asked Mr. McLeod to work with the architects to create this technical explanation. Mr. Perine also suggested that the costs be finalized as best as possible, and that the cost of waiting be clearly identified through an inflationary forecast.

5:30 Determine the content, time, and place of second and final public meeting with Gossens Bachman Architects.

Ms. Nichols suggested, and the committee unanimously agreed, that we postpone the 2nd public meeting until after the summer, so the bridge project is squared away, the feasibility study completed and the publicity video made.

5:50 New Business.

Disbanding the committee was discussed, as the charge of the committee has been substantially achieved. The committee unanimously agreed that they had met their charge. Passing the torch along to a Capital Campaign committee was mentioned as the next step.

A final meeting was proposed by Ms. Nichols to thank the committee for their work.

6:00 Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Unrath