



Board of Trustees

July 31, 2018 4 pm

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Ann Henry Board Room

Trustees present: R. Qualls, M. Rice, B. Park, H. Garner, B. Bagwell, and S. Overbey

Trustees absent: J. Parry

Staff present: D. Johnson, S. Davis, S. Daniel, W. Fitzgibbon, L. Greenwood, S. Du Preez, S. Houk, H. Robideaux, G. Jelinek, S. Litzinger, S. Palmer, C. Moody, J. Atha, S. Palmer, G. Allen, L. Yandell

MSR Design Team: Jack Polling, Kate Michaud, Susan Collins, and Brooke Smalley

City Staff: Wade Abernathy, Jason Miller, Crossland

Press: Dan Holtmeyer

We inspire imagination and foster learning.

I. Call to order: R. Qualls called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

II. Minutes: Approval of minutes of June 18, 2018: M. Rice moved to approve the minutes; S. Overbey seconded. All voted AYE.

III. Reports

A. Library administration

1. Library expansion update presented by Jack Polling: The design process for this building is different than for Blair Library. The team looked at materials existing in Blair Library to cue those selected for the expansion. Included are compatible brick, anodized aluminum, cast stone and glass. The goal is to achieve an extrusion of existing concepts, not repeat the Blair design. Brick coursing and banding will break down the scale; vertical shading fins will change the appearance of the building throughout the day. The team is still deciding between matching and complimentary brick for the multi-purpose room. Being considered is "iron-spot" brick with its reddish sheen that changes tone with changes in daylight. Old and new materials are being woven together with different colors and varying textures. The large mass of the multipurpose room is being broken up with windows, various horizontal patterns, and color. The landscape design will be consistent with the existing landscape. On-site, surface parking is planned for south of the building. The expansion will be accessible to patrons with all levels of ability.

Presentation by Leanne Larson, Interior Designer: Decisions made for Blair Library were far-sighted; new colors and designs will build on them. The catering kitchen has views from all sides so patrons will be able to watch the chef. An agreement with Brightwater Culinary School will enable high school students to graduate with an associates' degree. The Art/Movement Room will be the size of the Walker Room. In Blair, some of the spaces have been rearranged; for example, genealogy has a more dedicated space, and the fiction collection will move down to the current Youth Services Department. Staff space is being added in the existing Story Time Room, and the current Circulation Desk will become the new sorting room. Cherry wood, used extensively in Blair Library, has become too expensive for abundant use, but it will be a defining element that guides people through the expansion. There is a budget allowance for an art sculpture in the grade school space, and designers are maintaining the themes of earth, air, wind and fire. The number of study rooms will increase from 7 to 25.

Site Design presentation by Kate Michaud: The site slopes significantly to the south and west. Everything promised during the millage campaign is being designed into the new building, including outside programming areas. For example, the courtyard is as large as Fayetteville's square, and seats up to 1000. The space could accommodate a farmers' market, and the

sidewalks are wide enough for a pickup truck. Architects are linking activity within the building to different points in the city, and are trying to connect with the square and the arts corridor.

Schedule: Design Development ends mid-August and pricing begins. Construction documents will be developed by January 2019. The design team has been working with the city on approvals throughout the process. Construction is scheduled to begin early in 2019 and last 14-16 months. The decision on whether to close for a period of time during construction is being discussed. Polling noted that all libraries that opted to stay open later regretted it, as it lengthened the process and increased costs.

IV. Old business

V. New business

A. Discussion items

1. Protocol for responding to questions/concerns about the expansion and library services: Consensus was for Executive Director, David Johnson, to address concerns as they arise and keep the board informed.
2. Naming opportunities: tabled to August meeting.

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.



Bret Park, Secretary



Date