



Board of Trustees
March 5, 2018 4:00 pm
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Special Meeting Ann Henry Board Room

Trustees present: H. Garner, J. Parry, M. Rice, R. Qualls, B. Park

Trustees absent: S. Clark, B. Bagwell

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

Others: Don Marr, Chief of Staff, City of Fayetteville

Design Team: Jack Poling, Susan Morgan, Kate Michaud, Maura Rockcastle

Press: Stacy Ryburn

Our mission is to strengthen our community and empower our citizens through free and public access to knowledge.

I. Call to order – H. Garner called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

II. New Business

A. Budget amendment not to exceed \$10,000 to purchase wireless mics: M. Rice moved to approve the staff request; R. Qualls seconded. No objection.

B. Presentation by MSR Design Team to FPL Board of Trustees: The expansion site, located between the Ozark Highlands and the Boston Mountains, is rich but challenging. The plan calls for preserving the library’s existing entry, but also establishing a new, main entry in the building’s geographic center with sight lines to all areas of the library (School Street side, level 200). Some colors, materials, and patterns from Blair Library will be repeated in the expansion for cohesion. Levels 3 and 4 of Blair Library will look out over the roof of the expansion. The green roof will be expanded with plants that live. Solar panels will face the Boston Mountains out of sight from Blair Library. Administration, Development, Marketing and Fiscal Services will be near the main entry. Circulation and Technical Services will be together on level 300. Arsaga’s will stay in its current location.

The Design Team is mapping the power of water in the area to accomplish integrated storm water runoff. A seep garden, integral to runoff control, will also serve as an educational landscape piece. A pocket garden at the existing entrance will soften the space, provide a comfortable place for reading, and de-emphasize the area as the main entrance. Materials from the demolition of City Hospital will become fill in the expansion. The Board expressed some concern about the steps required to get from one end of the library to the other, accessibility from the south, and the compatibility of the new roofline with the existing building.

The Design Team is working with Crossland Construction on a regular basis to ensure the project ends up on budget.

In summary, the board is delivering on its promises to voters to double youth space, provide a dedicated teen area, and build a 700 seat multi-purpose room, movement room, and outdoor movie screen.

III. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Rob Qualls, Secretary

Date