**JPL 2021 ARCHITECTURAL FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE**

4th MEETING February 10, 2022

Zoom meeting began at 6:40 pm (awaiting more members time to log into Zoom).

16 committee members present, plus Architects Pete Franks and Ri Tobin of Franks Design Group.

ATTENDING: 18 Members

(see list below)

Pete Franks opened with a brief re-cap of last meeting:

* Option A: the Carnegie building refurbished to become the central entry to the Library, making that the “community living room” and a two-story building ADDITION being erected (ground floor at the same level) with Adult area on main floor, Children & Teens on upper level and partial basement for Friends of the Library area, genealogy, storage etc.
* Option B: New construction (without the Carnegie) featuring community meeting room accessible outside of Library hours with its own egress and kitchenette. The main building would have a single point of entry, with a decision point (where do I want to go in the Library?) upon entering? Adult, Children or Teen area? Meeting Room? Study Room? Partial basement not open to the public – used for storage and some workspace for Staff. If this Option A were drawn out as a one-story building, it would take up about one-half of a city block.

Pete’s slide presentation addressed some of the concerns about adjacencies. Slide presentation available for viewing on the Library website “architectural feasibility menu” button.

Option C: adaptive re-use of an existing building and/or buildings to add on to will be considered in future meetings.

Square footage needed is between 22,000-23,000 to meet the needs of growth and expanded programs.

Discussion of what is a “Maker Space”. Short definition is a “STEM” or “STEAM” area with hands-on tools for learning of science, technology, engineering, art and math concepts. Classes or programs would be offered for all ages – children, teen, adult. Hands-on learning opportunities with items usually not found at home. Can include craft supplies. Maker Space opens up to have some tools, technology, (3-D printer?) classes and more. It can be “stocked” with some supplies that patrons can use on site.

State Building and Plumber’s Codes dictate square footage/facilities requirements for number of toilets, maximum occupancies etc. and there are algebraic formulas for “sizing” dimensions, parking spaces, number of egresses and window/light requirements. Generally, for every 250-275 sq. ft. the building cost increases by $2,000.

Question about obtaining more space on the existing Library grounds, i.e. closing the alley and/or closing Vine Street to the east. This needs to be considered, but it may be premature at this point. In the overall scheme of the feasibility study, site development and parameters are not yet addressed. However, if a larger footprint of the building could be made with more property expansion, the building (Option A) could “fatten up”, becoming wider and less of a long rectangle.

The Wells Fargo building has been considered by Franks Design Group from only the Assessor’s card listing square footage, which is not significantly bigger than the existing Library. An attempt will be made to procure simple architectural drawings of the interior and site details. It was expressed by several Study Committee members that this consideration be given as due diligence since it is FOR SALE, empty and needs a new purpose. Exploring this option further might promote better community buy-in.

Other buildings in Jefferson that meet the approximate 20,000 square foot requirements will be researched. The Assessor has offered some assistance in locating those properties, but there is no guarantee that such a list will be vacated properties.

Think outside the box. Has the City discussed building a new Fire Station? Could the Library building be part of that concept? Could the Rec Center become a shared structure?

Next meeting to be February 24 @ 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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ATTENDEES: via Zoom

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| **Architect Pete Franks, Franks Design Group, Glenwood IA** |
| **Ri Toben, Architect, Franks Design Group, Glenwood IA**  Allee Hinote  Beth Vander Wilt  Cindi Daubendiek  Connie Boyd  Craig Hertel  Gavin Vander Linden  Ginny Showman  Jane Millard, Library Director  Jane Martino, Trustee  Jo Byriel, Library Administrative Assistant  Kate Neese  Mary Pedersen  Nancy Teusch  Stephanie Hall, Youth Librarian  Susan Laehn, Trustee  Tracy Deal |