**JPL 2021 ARCHITECTURAL FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE**

3rd MEETING, January 27, 2022

Meeting called to order with 14 committee members present, plus Architects Pete Franks and Ri Tobin of Franks Design Group.

ATTENDING: Members - (see list below)

Pete Franks opened this meeting (Phase III: Concept selection and development) stating the goal of tonight’s meeting is to envision spatial capacities within a building encompassing the “Ingredients List“ which the Study Committee is beginning to develop. In tonight’s session, Pete and Ri will lead the Committee through two Options: Option A using the existing Carnegie building as an anchor with new additions, and Option B considering new slab-on-grade construction. Option C of adaptive re-use of an existing building will be explored at a future meeting.

Pete described this as a fluid, meandering, cyclical process, not a linear process. Since we were unable to meet 2 weeks ago, the information from that meeting will be rolled into tonight’s presentation. These are the first test fits for the renovation/addition option and the new construction option. Ri stated that if we are projecting the expanded size to be 20,000 square feet, a one-story building would take half a City block; a two-story building (10,000 per level) would take up one-fourth of a City block. (see graphic on “site analysis” slide #7). The designs presented tonight are only for the purpose of generating feedback from the committee. They should not be construed as proposed or finished designs for a new library. The slide marked “program process” (slide #4) presents a “constellation of spaces” that the study committee previously discussed as important to be included. The committee will look at adjacencies to help determine where these spaces should be located and how much space should be allocated for each.

Through the graphic presentations Pete’s slide presentation is posted on the Library website. Click on the “architectural feasibility button”. Option A (slide #10) restores the Carnegie to some of its former glory, returning the large open windows and the south egress featuring the replacement look of the original staircase. The north entrance to the Carnegie would bring the level grade up approximately 36 inches with a ramp and stairs. The center area of the Carnegie would hold the circulation/reference desk and that restored space would become the “living room of the library for the community”. An additional building would be built to the east on the site of the 1966 addition existing Adult side. This addition’s main floor would be at the same floor level as the Carnegie, with the main floor housing Adult and Children’s, restrooms, etc. The second floor (slide #12) with elevator access might house meeting rooms, maker space, etc. There might be a partial basement (slide #11) (also elevator accessible) for mechanical and some storage. Pete stated that building basement space is less expensive than elevated space. In summary, refurbish the Carnegie, add a large two-story addition and keep most of the basement. Several Committee members expressed liking the refurbishment of the Carnegie and its use as a heart-beat for the building.

NOTE: Option A (slide #10) does not include community event space, staff work area, or adequate parking. The number of study rooms would be limited, and there is not adequate space for a growing collection of materials.

Pete cautioned the Committee to think about these ideas, not as defined spaces, but rather keeping the “adjacencies” and square footages that have been discussed previously encapsulated into some framework. (slides #9 and 13). The Programming processes dictate building usage and ultimately design. At this stage, drawings are conceptual only – not ready for “design-fit”.

Option B (slide #14) was presented as a totally new construction (slab on grade) all on one level, without the Carnegie. It does not need to be a rectangle (as the diagrams show), but could be a different shape, or even several stories. One major feature in this configuration included an area that was accessible to the community as meeting spaces (with restrooms and small kitchenette) beyond the hours of the Library’s open hours. Several Committee members expressed this feature as very desirable. Note: there would be adequate parking, but employee work space, storage areas, and mechanical space would be limited.

Several discussions centered on the need for additional staffing when there are multiple entrances/exits, separation of children and teen areas, accommodation of each for noise control, and the need for meeting spaces available to the community during open and closed hours of the Library.

A question was raised about the current south sidewalks taking up a large amount of space, that maybe some of that area could be enclosed. Pete and Ri both answered that if the Carnegie were to remain, it visually needed some “ease” and not a wall crowding it.

It was suggested that perhaps we should be looking to another 75-year future, not just 50 years.

Next meeting to be February 10th @ 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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| **Architect Pete Franks, Franks Design Group, Glenwood IA** |
| **Ri Toben, Architect, Franks Design Group, Glenwood IA**Beth Vander WiltChad Stevens, City Bldg OfficialCindi Daubendiek Connie BoydCraig HertelGinny ShowmanJane Millard, Library DirectorJerry Roberts, TrusteeJo Byriel, Library Administrative AssistantKate NeeseNancy TeuschStephanie Hall, Youth LibrarianSusan Laehn, TrusteeTracy Deal |
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