

THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING #14  
MAY 25, 2004

Attending: Joyce Lannert, Walter Ludlum, Edward Falcone (Library)  
Sal Coco (Beatty Harvey)  
Bob Firneis, Stuart Schiller (J.M.O.A.)  
Ron Tetelman (Eberlin & Eberlin)  
Lucille Munz (Cherbuliez/Munz Landscape Architects)  
Bonnie Whitehouse (Whitehouse Lighting)

The meeting began at 4:15 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Streetscape: Ms. Whitehouse will call village engineer Paul Fraioli to find out what kind of street lighting they are planning to put on Croton Avenue.

Landscaping: Ms. Munz discussed the importance of irrigation during the first three years after planting. A drip irrigation system was recommended, it should be simple enough for the staff to program and operate. Without irrigation, vendors may add an 'insurance' surcharge to the cost of the plants. There was also a discussion on what to do, if anything, to soften the look of the back retaining wall. Anything planted there will get little light and no irrigation. Q: What is our landscaping budget? Mr. Schiller said the budget was folded into a larger number for all outside work, he will work on that budget.

IT Consultant: Mr. Coco has three firms ready for the Board to interview. Ms. Lannert wanted a third Trustee to attend the interviews.

Parking Lot: Mr. Tetelman was thinking of switching from porous asphalt to regular asphalt. The benefits may not outweigh the extra cost, and it has caused some problems at other projects.

S.E.D. Mr. Schiller reported that the backlog at S.E.D. has been nearly eliminated, and turnaround time for approvals is now much quicker. There was discussion regarding the need to get S.E.D. approval for the demolition phase – due to the need for lead paint abatement, Stuart felt that Albany approval was needed. There was also discussion of the pros and cons of sending a complete project package to S.E.D. rather than separating the new building from the demo/site plan. Mr. Coco wanted a unified package to cut down on paperwork, but the consensus was to send two separate submissions.

[Lucille Munz left at 5:15, Bob Firneis arrived at 5:20]

Lighting: Ms. Whitehouse presented concepts for lighting the exterior, gallery, and stack areas. She also recommended that a custom lighting fixture should hang in the front reading room near the fireplace.

Interior Design: Mr. Coco distributed initial concepts for the front reading room and the gallery.

Timeline: Bob Firneis distributed a revised timeline. Under present circumstances, construction in November was possible. He also recommended two separate filings (the

original plan). The plan for phased demolition and site work could be approved within weeks.

[Bonnie Whitehead left at 5:45 p.m.]

Lead Abatement: Lead paint removal will be part of the demo package. An engineer needs to sign off on the specifications for abatement. Mr. Falcone gave Mr. Firneis a copy of the North environmental report. He will get a quote from an engineer and report back to the committee.

Q: Does the library need to notify the Village or community when demolition begins? The community already is aware of demo plans through its newsletter and other PR. The Village will be notified at or around the time of the kick-off meeting for demo bidders.

Budget Update: Stuart Schiller distributed a revised estimate for the project. Due to several unforeseen developments (inc. steel costs, sewer connection, poor soil), plus design enhancements like geothermal heating and additional finished space, the budget was now nearly \$500,000 over budget. He recommended several bid alternates to reduce costs. After a lively discussion, the Board asked Mr. Coco to shorten the entire building by ten feet (approx. 2,400 S.F.) rather than compromise the quality of the design and materials. Mr. Coco would submit a revised plan within a few days.

The meeting ended at 7 p.m. The next meeting is on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Action Items:

Brick Samples: Mr. Coco will arrange for delivery as soon as possible.

IT Interviews: Mr. Coco will coordinate with Mr. Falcone by next week.

Next Meeting: Mr. Coco will invite John Rice. Ms. Lannert will invite Joseph Lorino (Horizon)

Lead Abatement: Mr. Firneis will obtain proposal from engineering firm to prepare specs and supervise removal and report back to Library.

Well Placements: Mr. Coco will contact Mr. D'Orio as soon as possible to site wells.

Lighting: Ms. Whitehouse will contact Village re street light fixtures.

Landscaping: Mr. Schiller will break out budget for landscaping.

S.E.D. Submission: Mr. Coco will finalize demo package for submission after receiving documents from environmental engineer for lead abatement. He will finalize new building package by July 15<sup>th</sup>

Design Development Plans: Revised plan with reduced area will be provided by end of week.