

THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING #18
JULY 20, 2004

Attending: Joyce Lannert, Edward Falcone (Library)
Todd Harvey, Sal Coco, Hyeshin Park (Beatty Harvey)
Stuart Schiller (J.M.O.A.)

The meeting began at 2 p.m. at Beatty Harvey, NYC

Design Presentation: Hyeshin Park, BH&A's Director of Interior Design, introduced herself and gave the group an initial 'walkthrough' of the new building. She began by saying that her aim was to have a 'classic transitional' look for the interior.

- Vestibule, Circ Area: Recommending slate flooring (two shades). Mr. Harvey said he would use a mudset instead of a thinset. The area of the circ desk was reduced, but Mr. Harvey felt it would still accommodate up to 6 workstations plus self-check units.
- AV, New Books: Recessed bookshelves on the left, curved panels above, plus an acoustical ceiling. Carpeting will have a wave pattern to echo the ceiling panels. Ms. Park recommended beech wood throughout the building. Most of the media shelving would be low. Q: How much material will be subject to the LEED requirements? This will have to be confirmed, but the steel, concrete, and exterior materials will make up the bulk of the building, both in cost and in volume.
- Periodical Room: This room should have a comfortable feel, like a den or living room. Mr. Harvey recommended wood shelving if affordable. Ms. Whitehouse is still searching for a suitable lighting fixture for this room. The group saw some upholstered seating samples; some pieces should be fixed, others movable.
- Junior Room: The wave motif will be continued, the wall on the left leading from the door to the reference desk will be curved. The group liked a bubble-patterned carpeting, which would echo the bubble lighting over the toddler area. Q: Will we have extra carpet tiles? Mr. Harvey will ask for 5% extra for 'attic storage'.
- Second Floor: Walls will be gypsum board with a reveal. The group preferred a more traditional style reading table, but with clean lines. Mr. Harvey recommended large tables, 8' wide. We will see sample chairs to check comfort; chairs without cushions might be preferable if they are comfortable.
- Teen Room: Ms. Park was recommending a high-tech, industrial look with exposed ducts and interesting lighting. Mr. Falcone and his staff will facilitate a meeting between groups of teens and the BH&A design staff to determine how teens might use the space.
- Lower Level: The gallery will have porcelain floor tiles and stone on the columns. The walls will be white sheetrock with picture rails. Ms. Park recommended a style of metal benches for gallery seating, and bistro-style seating for the café. In the theater, Ms. Park recommended broadloom carpeting under upholstered fixed seating. For the front half, she recommended a metal-mesh stack chair. There was discussion about whether to tile or carpet the flat portion of the theater; an acoustical engineer will be consulted before making this decision. Mr. Harvey reported that the second movable wall (which bisected the stage) had to be eliminated as unworkable. The stage floor will be wood.

Sal Coco was going to record all the choices made today and put sample boards together.

Landscaping: Mr. Schiller said the budget would support landscaping up to \$50,000. Drip irrigation will be a negligible expense.

RFID: Mr. Falcone has asked attorney Larry Praga for an opinion on whether an RFID system would be subject to competitive bidding. Mr. Harvey said we still had time to decide on a vendor.

Repair Fund: Mr. Falcone asked Mr. Schiller if the library should start building up a reserve fund for repairs and maintenance. Ms. Schiller said yes, and he would work with the library to prepare a five-year plan for repairs.

S.E.D. Review: According to the S.E.D. web site, our project is currently under review and should be approved soon. Mr. Coco said he was still working towards an August 15 submission of the second package.

Property Lines: Mr. Falcone mentioned that the current site plan does not take advantage of all of the library's property on the easterly side. He was having a surveyor confirm the property lines.

Bricks: A second visit to Imperia Bricks was planned for July 22 at 3 p.m.

The meeting ended at 4:30. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 4 p.m. at J.M.O.A.

reported by Ed Falcone