

OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING #7
FEBRUARY 17, 2004

Attending: Joyce Lannert, Walter Ludlum (Library Trustees)
Edward Falcone (Library Director)
Sal Coco (BHA)
Bob Firneis, (JMOA)
John Rice, Joe Lembo, AKF
Lou Lombardozi, NYPA
Ron Tetelman, Eberlin & Eberlin

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

Minutes: Starting with this meeting, all team members will receive copies of the minutes. Bob Firneis will help Mr. Falcone edit and distribute the minutes.

Design Development: Sal Coco distributed copies of the latest floor plans and elevations. He noted that the project was in 'design development' phase, and he has started a code analysis of the plans.

Lower Level: The café has been shifted to a bump-out in the extreme end of the gallery to make better use of space and light. The new door in the unfinished area will be changed to a double door.

North Wall: Mr. Coco showed a rear wall treatment with an octagonal sitting area on the main and upper floors. The two trustees wanted to see a more squared-off look and asked him to have alternatives ready by the next meeting. Mr. Coco promised a full exterior presentation in March, and Mr. Firneis will have cost estimates ready by then.

Roof: The latest plans show a penthouse for mechanical equipment. It will be 8'-10' high, should not be visible from the street.

AC & Heating: AKF Engineers made a presentation on air conditioning and heating options. The recommendation was to use a geothermal system. The reasons: 1) lowest energy costs, 2) lowest initial cost, 3) no water consumption, 4) minimal space requirements, and 5) no outside equipment. Also, geothermal has the lowest ongoing maintenance costs, and no seasonal maintenance is needed. Using heat pumps, it is also possible to heat the building as well, eliminating the need for a boiler. Five wells (maybe 6) need to be drilled 1,000' – 1,500' into the aquifer. The Committee conditionally approved moving ahead on this option, pending more information on drilling costs and research on geothermal use elsewhere in the area. Drilling will be added to the site package, but the exact location of the wells is not needed right now. A penthouse is not needed with this option.

Mr. Lombardozi shared some ideas for safety systems, including coolant leak detectors. He also suggested a small boiler for supplemental heating when needed. He will research electrical usage in the current library. The engineers requested a copy of the utility costs for the existing library.

Technology: Computers will not have a big impact on electric loads, they are becoming more energy-efficient. Wireless Internet connectivity will be available throughout the new building. The Committee has not selected a technology consultant yet. AKF provides this service and would like to be considered.

LEED Certification: The Committee decided to apply for LEED Certification, but will reconsider if the process slows down our timetable. Beatty Harvey will file the application. Beatty Harvey will assemble the potential additional professional fees required. It was suggested that a review on the minimum requirement for obtaining certification be made to determine if there is a chance the building will receive certification.

Timetable: Bob Firneis reported that the project was still on track, but we need a quick resolution on the rear wall issue.

Site Design: Ron Tetelman is continuing work on site issues. He and Bob Firneis will be meeting with the Village this week to resolve sewer and storm drain issues. The pavement in the parking lot will be made of porous asphalt.

Next Meeting: The group will meet again on March 2, 4 p.m. at the library. The meeting ended at 6:15.

Reported by Edward Falcone