

Building Committee Notes 6
Feb. 15 – March 8, 2022

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 3:30 pm, in person
Present: Darren Schretter, Amy Gee, John Dittmer (at 4:30).

Amy updated Darren on decisions and discussions from the Board meeting. We selected the Tranquil Grain plank flooring for the program room with the Burnt Umber base. For most of the cabinets we would use the Weathered Bronze laminate countertop. For the bathroom floor we chose the Bedrock tile with Charcoal Grey for the stalls.

Darren will be sending some other samples of less expensive colored tile for the bathroom walls, but those lines will have fewer colors to choose from.

He also requested some other color samples of the type of flooring tile we preferred for the staff break room. We pulled out other possible laminates for the cabinets and countertop for the break room, but if we select a different color of floor tile, that will change.

Darren's target date for the bid documents to be published is March 17. It would be good to have as many decisions made as possible before then. Changing our mind on colors won't make a difference, but changing the type of product/company could.

We should go through the Project Notes Specifications to see if we agree with everything listed. For several areas he has alternate bids – contractors will quote a price for each and then we will decide. Costs have increased about 8% in the last year.

We should pay particular attention to the following sections - there are still choices to be made:

Division 6 – cabinets (064113) if we have wood cabinets, should the veneer be birch or maple? We're still discussing colors for the cabinets and countertops in the break room.
Near the end of division 6 – cabinet door & drawer pulls – we selected a simple wire pull in Venetian bronze.

Division 7 – roof – one area with alternate bids. John and Darren discussed the shingles and agreed that the higher rated ones with a warranty would be better. The Barkwood color option seems to be best, but Darren will get color samples. For the metal roof there are options for how the pieces fit together and the seams are sealed (Tite Loc). Darren will check with the company rep and others for opinions. The metal roof color is Dark Bronze.

Division 8 – doors and windows. For windows they will be aluminum clad, wood interior. We are removing the vinyl clad option because the interior side is white. Right now, he shows all of the small top windows opening out awning style, but none of the others opening. It would not be easy to open the top windows since they will be about 7 ft. tall. We may want to consider having a window in the break room or director's office that will open.

Division 9, 099123 – interior paint. Unless specified, everything will be painted a neutral color. If we want any rooms or walls to be an accent color, we will need to decide that.

Division 10. 101100- Visual Display units (bulletin boards). It would probably be better for us to select and purchase this on our own and for the contractors to hang it.

101419 – These are the letters for the library name on the front of the building – we need to select a font.

102239 – Night security gate. We need to select the style. If we don't want it open above the gate, they would need to build a soffit. Since this will sort of block the visual of the vaulted opening, they would need to put a window in it to match the exterior window shape.

10288 – Bathroom accessories. We should look at the cut sheets for the items he chose.

Division 11. Projector screen – what size?

Division 12. 122413 window shades

129300 – Site Furnishings: bench, bike rack, trash receptacle.

Lighting Fixtures are not included in the Project Note Specifications document. Darren has selected the basic ceiling lighting, but we need to select a pendant style for the center area. We also need exterior sconce type lights above the exit doors, and parking lot lights.

We will meet with Darren Tues., Feb. 22, at 3:00 pm. It is still to be determined if that will be an in-person meeting or virtual.

Planning Commission Meeting – Feb. 15, 2022, 6:00 pm.

Darren, John, and Amy attended.

Darren showed the commission members our site plan. He explained that we were following the codes for areas zoned as R-4, since we were unable to find specific guidelines for the Planned Unit Development. We were requesting variances to allow some of our parking to be located in the front setback area and to reduce the number of parking spaces to 41 plus two handicapped spaces. Our requests were unanimously approved. Since four of the planning commissioners are also on the City Council, they did not think it would be necessary for us to attend next week's City Council meeting.

Building Committee Meeting, Tues., Feb. 22, 3:00 pm, virtual
Present: Darren Schretter, Donna Tracy, John Dittmer, Amy Gee

Darren showed us renderings of the front elevations.

Discussed the small circle above the front door – will it be a glass window? Plain or with library symbol? Donna suggested maybe a bronze cutout of the national library symbol

The window on the right side of the front of the building is the storage room. Decided to take it out to make the storeroom more usable and to save money.

The downspouts in the front and north side of the building connect to an underground pipe, to carry the water to the detention pond. Others will just go onto the grassy areas.

I pointed out that we needed a sidewalk from the handicapped parking spaces – they can't cross the grass.

Discussed if we wanted a sidewalk from the back door around to the front. We will put that in as an alternate bid.

Looked at light fixtures. We will need about 6 pendants hanging in the vaulted area down the middle. We eliminated several styles. We preferred a circular ring style. Darren will check on sizes and costs. We also looked at sconces for above the outside doors. Donna and I preferred a semi-circular one, especially for the front door. Depending on price, we may select an alternate style for other doors. For the parking lot lights we decided simple, plain LED lights would be sufficient instead of paying more for a decorative style.

Discussed windows. We will have the large portion of the windows in the director's office and staff break room available to open (awning style) as well as one window on each side of the building to allow for cross ventilation. The small windows at the top will not open, nor will the windows in the program room.

We looked briefly at benches and bike racks and at the security gates.

We will meet virtually next week.

Building Committee Meeting, Tues., March 1, 3:00 pm, virtual
Present: Darren Schretter, Donna Tracy, Andy Bastert, Amy Gee

For the light fixtures, it appears that the larger Del Ray light fixtures will be a better option, they will check to determine how many lumens would be most appropriate.

Darren talked about the air vents/intake that would be required for the HVAC system. There will also be plumbing vents. He is checking to see if they can run out the wall instead of the roof – would rather not have too many holes in a metal roof & if they are right in the front, they would detract from the appearance. He is waiting to find out about costs, spacing, and if it would affect the unit efficiency. He could bring back the pilaster by the front entry if that would help to hide the vents.

Changed the front entry windows slightly to make them more standard. Pella can does have windows like the ones we want.

Briefly discussed the security gate. We are considering a large flat panel TV for the program room instead of a screen and projector. More blocking would be required in the wall to support the weight of the TV.

Looked briefly at samples of letters for the outside of the building. We don't need illuminated letters because there will be lights up in the soffit shining down on them. Darren recommends cast metal. We could select dark bronze anodized (to match windows) or something with a higher contrast to the brick. The letters will be about 12" tall. Most are 1-1 ½ inches thick. They have a welded stud mount, so they will stick out from the building about 3/8 in. We need to select a font – there are lots to choose from. Do we want something very straight and simple (like

an Arial font (LIBRARY), or a serif font that has the “caps” and “feet” at the tops and bottoms of the letters (LIBRARY)? That decision will narrow down our choices by half.

Darren is planning to come in person on March 8 and attend the Board meeting on March 14.

Building Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 3:00 pm in person

Present: Darren Schretter, Amy Gee, Donna Tracy, Angie Perry, John Dittmer

Looked at some shingle samples. A shingle roof will be an alternate bid in case we can not afford the metal. We can decide upon the color at Monday’s board meeting.

One person had told Darren that we would need a curved metal lintel for the arches in the front. Another person told him that a skilled mason could create the arch without needing the lintel. Amy will contact Parrish Young and ask his opinion.

Have lots more tile samples for the bathrooms. Currently we still prefer the Crossville Bedrock porcelain tile that we had chosen for the floor – it has more texture so will be less slippery. Darren will check price points for the various companies and products. There are lots of options for the walls; some porcelain, some ceramic. Most of the ceramic is glossy.

Looked at the flooring for the break room and laminates for the cabinets and countertops. If we keep the original Basilica Salt floor tile, we selected Brazil Wood for the cabinet, and a Formica Brand Elemental Stone pattern for the countertops. If we switch to the Stria Ash floor tile, we like the Misted Zephyr countertop.

Also looked at the drawings for the design of the cabinets and drawers for all areas. They will be Manitoba Maple cabinets with a Weathered Bronze laminate top. The door hardware will be oil rubbed bronze. Darren noted that it will tarnish as the oil rubs off, and get lighter in color. Discussed the plan list. Donna is familiar with most of the plants on the list and had no objections. Amy had checked with Jenny Castlebury. She didn’t see problems with any of the plants on the list either; they are native species and non-invasive. Angie mentioned it would be nice to have a large shade tree in an area where we could hold outdoor programs (the person who donated some funds specifically for landscaping also mentioned this.)

Talked some about our concerns for the increases in materials prices and supply difficulties. It makes it difficult for contractors to bid the project because vendors won’t guarantee the prices. We might want to see if there is a storage shed available somewhere so materials could be ordered in advance but safely and securely stored off site until needed.

Darren is planning to attend the Board Meeting on March 14, and discuss moving forward with the bid process.