

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2009

Members present: Dave Beinetti, Tom Dooley, Anne Marie Gordon, Bill Lane, Mary Tichenor, Ian McNabb, Blake Held, Laurie Guenther, Paula McIntyre

Guests present: Christina Guenther

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Bill motioned approval of last meeting's minutes; Tom seconded. All were in favor; none opposed.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

It was questioned if closing off Main Street during the groundbreaking ceremony would make it difficult for the vendors and businesses associated with Festival on the Green. Alternate ideas to accommodate not closing off the street included: unveil the new library rendering sign near the barn for the ceremony then move it at a later date closer to the street; use only one deputy to act as a crossing guard from Harry Allen Park to the 22 N. Main Street; put the flatbed truck with podium up by the barn in the morning.

It was suggested to have representation from various groups participate in the actual groundbreaking: youth, Friends, etc. This would demonstrate buy-in from many different constituents in the community.

Facility Committee Update

The committee will meet next week with HBT to discuss building placement on the site; Monday or Thursday was suggested.

General discussion took place about the massing clips created by HBT circulated via email to committee members. The two vantage points were: 1) in line with Critics and M&T Bank, or 2) set farther back on the property to connect with the current building. It was suggested HBT do some sketches to give an idea of how a new building would look if it connected to the existing library (and talk through what would be in the various structures: new, connecting, old) vs. how it would look if it is a stand alone building in line with the other buildings on Main Street. It was felt that this, and any other tools HBT might use, would help us decide where the best placement of a new building would be. Four items to convey to HBT: 1) we are committed to them designing a 12,000 sq. ft. building, 2) there are concerns about the success of a linked building and the impact on program as well as staffing, 3) the appearance and prominence of the building from Main Street (curb appeal) is a concern, and 4) what is the impact on the long-term planning for the town of each option.

Development Committee Update

Preliminary research has begun on the feasibility of pursuing a Green Innovation Grant. It is very likely we could receive NYSERDA money in the future.

Library Strategies will begin work for our future capital campaign on Monday, May 4, 2009. Interviews for a feasibility study will begin in early June.

It was suggested we ask Library Strategies if they have an opinion on which location for a new building might help them "sell" financial support for a new library in their interviews. It will be important to put together a professional looking folder that uses our new logo and includes a front elevation, site plan, floor plan, etc.

Future Town Board Meetings

It was suggested that a Steering Committee member attend one Town Board meeting each month to provide them with an in-person update on the library project.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be Tuesday, May12 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Paula McIntyre