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Ad Hoc Facilities Space Audit Committee, Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, February 8, 2024

Present: John Bloomfield, President; Magda Sokolowski, Vice President; Chun Ye, Trustee
Also Present: Samantha Mendiola, HGA; Erica Frederiksen, HGA; Karen Kleckner Keefe, Executive Director; Lizzy Boden, Adult Services Manager; Martha Kennedy, Patron Services Manager; Lisa Winchell, Youth Services Manager; Bob Bell, IT & Facilities Manager

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

Samantha Mendiola and Erica Frederiksen from HGA reviewed the steps that have already been taken and most recent the feedback they received. HGA confirmed that they had met with Lisa Winchell after the last meeting to get a better understanding of Youth Services' space needs. Keefe asked HGA to consider adding a space in the public area that could function as a "respite area" for prayer, nursing, or other needs. The committee also discussed moving public computers and printing to the mezzanine.

HGA presented revised drawings for Options A and B. Option B now shows the CMR being centered on the north wall and the patio and ramp for the west entrance on the south side of the west door. The committee asked HGA if they could develop a design for Option A that had a centered CMR.

HGA noted that the mezzanine and lower-level designs are now identical in Options A and B. Option A has 8 study rooms and Option B has 8.

To maintain collection counts, the mezzanine has been reconfigured to remove study rooms on the east wall.

The lower level now shows public areas being pushed back into the current storage space. The change in elevation between the current CMR and new play/interaction space becomes a "social stair."

The committee discussed the widening of the central staircase and asked if it was necessary to widen them all the way to the existing columns. HGA said that they could be reduced, but HPL should consider if the floor space that would be regained would be usable, given the traffic impediment of the columns.

HGA next presented cost estimates and said they would share the breakdown developed by their cost estimator.

The committee discussed next steps. If engaged, HGA would work with HPL on getting community input and then develop schematics. They would then work on design development and construction documents. Phasing recommendations would come in the construction document phase.

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The committee discussed the benefits of a phased approach—including the ability to move forward with lower level or mezzanine changes as decisions about main floor are being made.

HGA discussed two models for project management—Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) and Design Bid Build (DBB). CMAR has the benefit of having a construction manager be part of the planning discussions and offer site-specific recommendations.

Dick Munson suggested that the final presentation connect the design drivers to the proposed floorplan changes.

HPL Space Audit Committee will meet to further evaluate and provide feedback to HGA in advance of the March 7 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm.

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