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Ad Hoc Space Plan Committee, Meeting MINUTES June 23, 2025

Present: John Bloomfield, President; Magda Sokolowski, Vice President; Chun Ye, Secretary

Also Present: Karen Kleckner Keefe, Executive Director; Bob Bell, BTS Manager; Martha Kennedy, Patron Services Manager; Lizzy Boden, Adult Services Manager; Cassie Freeman, Youth Services Assistant Manager; Justin Pathmann, ReThink

HGA Present: Erica Frederiksen; Kim Workman; Grace Zambrowicz; Matt Eiden; Chad Eslinger

HGA Online: Samantha Mendiola; Kate Lohrenz

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

The minutes from June 4th 2025 were approved on a motion from Chun Ye and seconded by John Bloomfield.

The first item on the agenda was to discuss plan and detail development in a number of areas.

Ceiling: HGA presented concepts for replacing ceiling tiles on the main and lower level. New tile can have a different look to existing tile and can vary in size. Different areas of the library can be treated differently. The new CMR can have a gypsum board ceiling that would also assist in sound control. An area at the front of the library can have a specialty ceiling that assists in welcoming and wayfinding.

. Bloomfield also asked whether different sizes of ceiling tile would impact access to the ceiling area. Pathmann noted that it's important to check whether duct work will allow larger ceiling tiles.

HGA went through each area of the Library and discussed possible scopes. They discussed the acoustic differences, especially for the study rooms, and passed out examples of different ceiling tile material. They showed inspirational photos for the specialty ceiling. HGA also discussed how to use the ceiling to create a comfortable space in the new teen area, as well as a magnetic felt addition to the current ceiling in the youth services area to add color and acoustic support.

HGA also asked whether it would be necessary to have ceiling tiles in the newly created storage areas. Sokolowski asked about how having no ceiling in the storage area might impact dust. Wall height will impact ceiling recommendations.

Operable wall: HGA shared the acoustic properties of different systems. Sliding door and folding door assemblies are both under consideration. Sliding doors will require less structural steel, but could not fully open. A pivoting framed aluminum wall would open more fully. A frameless system would not show any metal around the panels and would open fully. The sliding glass and framed folding system both have similar sound "STC" qualities. The frameless system is less soundproof. Because of this, a frameless system will no longer be considered.

Keefe noted that HGA should consider which type of operable wall lends itself better light control. Bloomfield asked about the structural ease of moving each system and HGA is looking into it. He also noted that in a sliding system, the Library will want to understand what

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percentage of the room cannot open up. Sokolowski asked whether the rendering is accurate as far as the size of the glass in the frame folding system. A large panel of glass might mean less noise bleed.

Railing: HGA discussed the lower-level stairs and asked for an update from the committee on a decision regarding the glass railing versus the picket rail. A picket rail could help tie the lower level to the main floor in the design. The guard railing would be white metal, and the hand rail could be wood. Bloomfield noted that keeping the glass clean would be a challenge. Cleaning concerns were discussed. The committee expressed a preference for the picket.

Study room: The proposed four-person study room on the main floor would impact the location of the adult desk and sightlines. The committee and staff will study whether this will work. HGA will pull cost numbers to create that study room as a standalone project. HGA also discussed media shelving and space concerns in that area. They will give more information to Keefe and Boden.

Fireplace and board room area: The area is very tight to create a fireplace area. Without one, HGA could design a counter and trash area near the coffee vending. HGA believes there is a gain to not having a fireplace, and the committee agreed. Sokolowski asked about space for hanging art.

Flex studio: HGA explained that it is difficult to find tables that are on casters, flippable, and height adjustable. Staff should consider how the room will be used most frequently and what seats will accommodate that. The south wall can be magnetic or writeable, the floor will be LVT, and the east wall will have storage. The room will have overhead power reels. HGA recommends a digital monitor instead of projection due to height of ceiling. Staff expressed interest in a sink. Pathmann and HGA shared that installation (especially drainage) may be cost prohibitive.

Depending on layout of the room, the cabinets, counter space, monitor location, and door location could impact the number of seats. Staff would like to maximize seating. Cubbies could be outside the room to help with tightness inside the room.

Materiality and Finish: HGA presented three color palettes, all of which include a nod to HPL's brand, and discussed how they would look in the Library. The committee and HGA discussed the feeling and look of the palettes.

HGA's electrical and mechanical engineers thanked HPL staff for showing them around. They discussed what they saw and will have more updates in future meetings. The committee also discussed the age of HPL's HVAC system and the need to control air flow in newly defined spaces.

On a motion by Magda Sokolowski and seconded by John Bloomfield, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Approved: July 8, 2025