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Ad Hoc Space Plan Committee, Meeting MINUTES June 4, 2025

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

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

HGA Remote: Samantha Mendiola; Kate Lohrenz; Erica Frederiksen; Kim Workman; Grace Zambrowicz; Matt Eiden; Chad Eslinger; Kayla Molkenthin

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

The minutes from February 6th 2025 and May 20th 2025 were approved on a motion from Magda Sokolowski and seconded by John Bloomfield.

Bloomfield discussed prioritizing updates to the light fixtures on the first floor.

HGA reviewed the schedule and suggested the third meeting take place on June 23rd at 1pm, when their engineering staff can be onsite. HGA staff will also complete a walkthrough/furniture inventory. HGA will let the library know which HPL service providers they would like to have onsite.

HGA then presented design updates since the last meeting.

Updates to the main level include: updating the book drop room to work with the glass in the vestibule; updates to the circulation workroom and storage in the community room; updating the CMR; considering study room capacity and adding an additional study room; and seating along the wall across from the Board Room.

Study rooms were discussed in more depth. Sokolowski expressed concern that adding a study room might impact the openness of the design. The committee discussed usage patterns for the four-person rooms. Sokolowski requested a 3D view to see how adding a room behind the Adult Services desk would look in the space.

The committee also reviewed the fireplace area. HGA described a fireplace using water vapor and LED lights so that temperature will not be impacted. The committee questioned whether the fireplace makes sense in the space, when the windows and sculpture are the focal point of the room. The committee discussed the coffee in that area and Keefe noted a strong preference for a coffee vending machine rather than a Keurig.

Updates to the lower level include: adding two service points to the staff desk; and increasing the size of the study room from two people to four.

HGA showed detailed elevations for the updated designs.

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Regarding the book drop area, staff are comfortable moving to one book return bin from two, but two is preferred. The committee wants to confirm that the alarm and fire panels will still have a home. Part of the wall may need to be solid, depending on location.

Elevations and more detailed plans were also shown for the circulation area, community room storage areas, the operable wall, the board room area, the flex studio, and the wall between children's and teen.

AV needs for the community room will be studied and an HGA engineer will attend a future meeting to provide recommendations. Staff will document frequent AV scenarios and needs.

A framed operable wall may have a better acoustic seal than a frameless wall. HGA will share numbers on decibels for both options.

HGA updated the committee on railing options for the stairs to the lower level. The glass railing has a higher cost than the steel and wood picket option.

HGA will let library staff know by which dates they need firm decisions on design choices.

Finally, HGA asked whether the committee wanted to see brand colors coming through in the design. Keefe noted that the color choices shouldn't clash with the HPL brand, but the brand does not need to dominate the design.

The next meeting will include information on plans for the ceiling.

On a motion by Magda Sokolowski and seconded by John Bloomfield, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Approved: June 23, 2025