



Meeting Date: September 29, 2008 @ 5:30 p.m.
Issue Date: October 10, 2008

CROZET LIBRARY
Albemarle County, Virginia

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – NUMBER FOUR (4)
Grimm and Parker Project No. 20626.00

ATTENDANCE

Steering Committee Members attendance:

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Mike Marshall	Crozet Gazette		
Peggy Schrader	Library Patron		
Todd Willoughby	Grimm + Parker Architects	703.903.9100	twilloughby@gparch.com

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Steering Committee meeting attended by architect and representatives of Albemarle County.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Grimm + Parker Architects presented the conceptual site model. Model indicated the proposed location of the building on the given site, location of parking areas, retaining walls, and existing surrounding structures in the immediate area of the site. The model also included “massing” of the building and floor plan for Schemes #1 and #2 approved for further development during Steering Committee Meeting #3.
2. Melanie Hennigan gave a PowerPoint presentation showing further development of design Schemes #1 and #2 which included site plans, floor plans, elevations and sections.

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She described that during further analysis of the existing site topography, and the proposed grading for the Crozet Streetscape Project, vehicular entry to the Library site will need to happen further east down Main Street than originally designed / anticipated by the Crozet Streetscape Project engineers.

The Committee discussed the “pro’s and con’s” of each scheme with several members stating they preferred the “split-level” scheme (Scheme #2) from an architectural design standpoint but acknowledged that the “split-level” scheme would require the Library to function on two floors which could be costly and require additional staff to operate and maintain.

The Committee took a vote resulting in the determination to further pursue Scheme #1 which locates all Library primary program functions and spaces on the “upper” (parking lot) level leaving public meeting rooms and support spaces on the lower level fronting Crozet Avenue.

Some Committee Members voiced concern about meeting rooms being too small in size. John Halliday and Wendy Saz cited that currently children’s library programs are well attended.

Some Committee Members voiced concern about having an entrance to Library spaces off Crozet Avenue. The Committee suggested the Architects explore creating a greater connection between the lower level to upper level spaces (possibly through the use of a grand staircase or other floor communicating feature). Grimm + Parker Architects noted that both the Architectural Review Board and Zoning Officials may require the building’s primary entrance be located off Crozet Avenue or Main Street. Melanie Hennigan stated that a primary entrance off Main Street is problematic due to the grade of Crozet Streetscape project’s sidewalks being of a steeper slope than allowable by ADA for an accessible entrance. She further noted that creating a grand stair or other floor communicating feature will require additional square footage, potentially reducing library program spaces.

Melanie Hennigan presented ideas regarding design character of the building. She described a central circulation “spine” with clearstory glazing recalling Crozet’s exploration, engineering, and railroad history and culture.

SCHEDULE:

Next Steering Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 13th at **4:30pm**. Remaining meetings will be scheduled for the last Monday of each month until December 2008.

If your understanding of the items in this meeting is different from the listed above, please do not hesitate to call.

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Attachments:

Attendee Sign-In Sheet

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