

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

CROZET LIBRARY SCHEMATIC DESIGN COMMENTS as of 2/27/09

1. Comments on the following areas of the schematic design:

Floor Plan:

1.	I am concerned that space is wasted in the center of the main room for a "grand stair." It is unclear to me whether this would be built initially, but I would advise against it. As has been argued repeatedly in public meetings by the library experts, the library should have one entrance, from the parking lot.	2/20/2009 8:06:58 AM
2.	Seems excellent	2/20/2009 4:25:05 PM
3.	Seems well liad out + planned	2/23/2009 9:06:01 AM
4.	OK	2/23/2009 9:19:15 AM
5.	Well done	2/23/2009 9:37:27 AM
6.	Seems like a good plan	2/23/2009 9:38:07 AM
7.	Need single bathroom in children's area	2/23/2009 9:40:22 AM
8.	Kid's section -- bathroom (safety issues)	2/23/2009 9:40:57 AM
9.	Fine, but make the west facade square to the rest of the building, not parallel to Crozet Ave.	2/23/2009 10:05:05 AM
10.	Recognizing that the drawings are for illustration purposes. I'm concerned that there be enough shelf space --> books.	2/23/2009 10:10:17 AM
11.	No brainer -- no need to put in more basement space, just roughed in for future use -- this is extremely important to do when the dozers are there. Maybe the community can help with applying for federal grants.	2/23/2009 10:12:03 AM
12.	Floor plan: this seems very nice and practical, and the librarians appreciate sight lines. Providing areas for "young adult"/teenagers for meeting, etc. is a strength.	2/27/2009 12:35:59 PM

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Exterior Facades:

1.	I like the clerestory idea, to admit natural light into the main part of the library.	2/20/2009 8:06:58 AM
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2.	The building looks too large for its environment. The facade and roof line are like nothing in Crozet, and the building will look like an alien dropped into the middle of the town. The colors as represented are unpleasant.	2/20/2009 4:25:05 PM
3.	Landscaping will help starkness	2/23/2009 9:06:01 AM
4.	Would like a less modern look. Not such sharp angles. A little 'softer.'	2/23/2009 9:12:59 AM
5.	Make it a bit more culture - friendly, less purely functional	2/23/2009 9:19:15 AM
6.	Too hard/rigid. Soften with landscaping/ street trees? Usable outdoor spaces.	2/23/2009 9:32:23 AM
7.	Maybe a bit too modern for Crozet, though I liked the window arrangements in the building; exterior has no connection with railroad history of Crozet - though interior does that ok.	2/23/2009 9:37:27 AM
8.	Not attractive	2/23/2009 9:38:07 AM
9.	Ugly	2/23/2009 9:40:22 AM
10.	Interesting glass roof/ceiling	2/23/2009 9:40:57 AM
11.	You should be planning for a four-story building so that you can add the third and fourth stories at later dates.	2/23/2009 10:05:05 AM
12.	Pleasant	2/23/2009 10:10:17 AM
13.	Looks good!	2/23/2009 10:12:03 AM
14.	I am disappointed in the design. I expected a western, forward look to make it unique to Crozet. This looks like VMDO design for a research lab - not a library.	2/23/2009 10:13:48 AM
15.	Doesn't blend with other buildings and landscape of area	2/25/2009 9:06:34 AM
16.	Too urban looking. They need to make it more historic to fit in to the Crozet small town feel. Take details from the current library, or from old hardware/Uncle Charlie's buildings. Someone last night suggested instead of the flat, modern roof over the skylight/clereestory perhaps a model similar to the old train stations of Europe where they are pitched skylights. I like that idea. Once you go modern subsequent buildings can also follow and go more modern.	2/25/2009 9:09:44 AM
17.	Exterior facades: I preferred the more "modern" one with big windows and windows at the top ("in the ceiling" isn't quite right) anyway, that will allow additional natural light in.	2/27/2009 12:35:59 PM

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Site Plan:

1.	This was a poorly chosen site. But within that limitation, the architects have done a good job of trying to deal with an almost impossible set of requirements. It is important that the library, which is on the second floor, be separated from the rental or other space at the street level.	2/20/2009 8:06:58 AM
2.	This library would fit and would look a lot better at the Old Crozet School site. I hope the advantages it brings to downtown business will eventually outweigh all the negatives and costs and disruptions of the current site.	2/20/2009 4:25:05 PM
3.	Really big for that area	2/23/2009 9:06:01 AM
4.	OK	2/23/2009 9:19:15 AM
5.	No usable outdoor rooms.	2/23/2009 9:32:23 AM
6.	Generally okay -- why no entrance off Crozet Ave?	2/23/2009 9:37:27 AM
7.	I preferred the old school's location	2/23/2009 9:38:07 AM
8.	Would have more flexibility on old Crozet school site	2/23/2009 9:40:22 AM
9.	You should buy the land behind back to High St and move the building back from Crozet.	2/23/2009 10:05:05 AM
10.	Seems to crowd the site	2/23/2009 10:06:34 AM
11.	Good considering the constraints	2/23/2009 10:10:17 AM
12.	We are in agreement with the location	2/23/2009 10:12:03 AM
13.	With the erecting the library in several years with all the changes in the village, a definite plan can be made later	2/25/2009 9:06:34 AM
14.	-Site plan seems fine	2/27/2009 12:35:59 PM

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Relationship to the Streets:

1.	There is only one street. The stub of Main Street is only an entrance to the library's parking lot. In my view it is very unlikely that any more of Main Street will ever be built. The difficult site makes it almost impossible for the library to open to Crozet Ave. As explained by the library personnel, placing a second door to the library on the Crozet Ave. level will cause security problems. They have indicated that significant increases in staffing would be required if such an entrance were to be implemented.	2/20/2009 8:06:58 AM
2.	Will make useless a good stretch of Crozet Avenue, with no entrance to	2/20/2009

	Library and no commercial on first floor. Just a long, blank, useless stretch of space on the major downtown street. Will dominate all adjacent streets and buildings. Will look decent and user friendly only from the south side.	4:25:05 PM
3.	I like it being "on the street" and easily accessible	2/23/2009 9:06:01 AM
4.	Fairly good	2/23/2009 9:19:15 AM
5.	The building needs to invite the public in!	2/23/2009 9:32:23 AM
6.	Generally good	2/23/2009 9:37:27 AM
7.	OK!	2/23/2009 9:38:07 AM
8.	Why are we eliminating ever being able to widen Crozet Ave?	2/23/2009 9:40:22 AM
9.	You totally ignore the existing streetscape. As you move south from the square on Crozet Ave, the buildings recede from the street creating a pleasing vista that will be destroyed.	2/23/2009 10:05:05 AM
10.	Too close to street	2/23/2009 10:06:34 AM
11.	Seems fine	2/23/2009 10:10:17 AM
12.	Fine	2/23/2009 10:12:03 AM
13.	Crozet has got so much traffic it will not suit to have a library added to the area.	2/25/2009 9:06:34 AM
14.	Relation ship to streets: as drawn it look a little to close to street (Crozet Avenue). Crozet is already hard enough to walk around, more obstructions wouldn't help.	2/27/2009 12:35:59 PM

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2) Please share your ideas or concerns for initial uses for the first floor, before the library needs the space for expansion:

1.	It is probably reasonable for the building to be built such that a future stairway and elevator shaft can be built if the library should ever need to expand into the street level. No entrance or stairway should be put in place at the outset, and renters or other county offices should occupy these spaces. Perhaps a museum. But no connection to the library.	2/20/2009 8:06:58 AM
2.	No particular concerns	2/23/2009 9:06:01 AM
3.	Good reference section, work tables/desks, etc and addition to meeting rooms and areas of shelving.	2/23/2009 9:19:15 AM
4.	Site is underutilized, create structured parking and more commercial	2/23/2009

	space.	9:32:23 AM
5.	First floor should be for community meeting rooms.	2/23/2009 9:37:27 AM
6.	Very well thought out	2/23/2009 9:38:07 AM
7.	Should excavate for full basement while possible	2/23/2009 9:40:22 AM
8.	The first floor should be a whole floor, basement space is cheap space to build. Rent it out, use it for community meetings like this one.	2/23/2009 10:05:05 AM
9.	A. A 'remote' location for selected PVCC courses (to move instructors rather than students) B. Senior resource center C. Create a resource center to address issues of those years, i.e. the equivalent of current issues such as 1) Adult and family health education, 2) Immigrant services, and 3) Remedial reading, career opportunities, etc. D. "Volunteer" coordination to help encourage and focus the energies of people who to help in this community.	2/23/2009 10:10:17 AM
10.	I wanted a more progressive interior to allow extreme flexibility as Crozet and library needs growth. We are modern, not 19th century!	2/23/2009 10:13:48 AM
11.	Dispaly cases for "special interest" of Crozet happenings	2/25/2009 9:06:34 AM
12.	Uses for the first floor: -Some have expressed a need for county offices, so that we wouldn't need to go into Charlottesville to deal with permits etc. A local county office sounds like a good idea to me.	2/27/2009 12:35:59 PM

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3) Please share any additional suggestions, likes/dislikes, concerns:

1.	With all due respect, the bland utilitarian architecture is an absolute eyesore when compared to the traditional Virginia architecture that makes up Central Virginia. At least try to not look like something out of a dystopian nightmare or some circa late 1960's-early 70's vision of what future buildings will look like. This is Crozet, Virginia, not Vancouver, British Columbia. Go back to the drawing board, please.	2/19/2009 10:00:26 PM
2.	I am very disappointed in the planning process in general, for Crozet and for the library. Honestly, I feel that the Board of Supervisors has done a poor job with this project. They have driven a process which has not listened very well to public input, and they have wasted our money by situating the building on a site which (1) they had to purchase and (2) presents very difficult problems in regard to the building design. In addition, certain members of the board have continued to argue aggressively for features (notably a second entrance on Crozet Ave.) which the architect and the library have told us will cause additional expense and problems once the building is in operation.	2/20/2009 8:06:58 AM
3.	Artist's drawing is great! Parking and meeting rooms will be good for Crozet - and handicap restrooms. Senior friendly.	2/23/2009 9:06:01 AM
4.	Given that we live in such a mature-rich area, a section of or worker in	2/23/2009

	the library could specialize in highlighting that aspect.	9:19:15 AM
5.	Add on street parking and pull the sidewalk up 5'. Work out shared parking arrangements with Tabor Presbyterian Church and Carroll Conley to the east. Create more green infrastructure on the site by using tax incentives. Not producing on-street parking is a mistake -- image Queen Charlotte Const in downtown Charlottesville with no parking around the block - that it what is being produced.	2/23/2009 9:32:23 AM
6.	A downtown library will not bring people downtown to shop. The business community want a parking lot but it won't be long before the library needs those spaces, then what?	2/23/2009 9:40:22 AM
7.	You say this is going to be a green building, yet you plan on cutting down every tree on the property -- how hypocritical! Pull the building back from Crozet Ave and save some of the trees. You are building in a future historic district. You have already destroyed one historic house. Move the Amato house and turn it into office space for non-profit organizations. The county's insistence that buildings be forced to the street doesn't always work and it definitely doesn't work here.	2/23/2009 10:05:05 AM
8.	Please revisit possibility of using old school for library.	2/23/2009 10:06:34 AM
9.	A. Let's get this thing built!	2/23/2009 10:10:17 AM
10.	Big changes - try to make it good, please	2/23/2009 10:14:21 AM
11.	What's up with the square? Who owns it? Can it be purchased for common area?	2/23/2009 10:15:28 AM
12.	I still wish that the new library could be built on the old school site!	2/23/2009 10:16:06 AM
13.	In reference to prior comment (I still wish that the new library could be built on the old school site!): Me too!	2/23/2009 10:16:45 AM
14.	Building not warm and inviting in appearance.	2/23/2009 10:17:01 AM
15.	The front of the building does not blend in to Crozet. Looks like a plan that was used in a large city. It will stick out like a sore thumb!	2/23/2009 10:18:25 AM
16.	Please make the square a part of the beautification. Who owns it, who pays taxes on it? Are they willing to entertain discussions of upkeep?	2/23/2009 10:19:25 AM
17.	Alley behind Andante and Barksdale is not used for vehicles now. Let's make it pedestrian access in the plan.	2/23/2009 10:20:18 AM
18.	More space or rooms set aside for community meetings - young and old.	2/25/2009 9:06:34 AM
19.	Is it possible to rent the downstairs space? I know the County doesn't like being in a landlord position but sondiering the econimic times we are in it seems you should be open for this. A revenue stream could help in many ways. Pay salaries, buy books, etc. The County could always turn the management over to an appropriate broker. Everyone would win. Write a 3-year lease and if the community grows to a point where it needs more public use spaces you could have that option.	2/25/2009 9:09:44 AM

20. 3) Additional comments: - the drainage project seems excellent! it is necessary and uses forward thinking approaches to problem. - I hate the "Main Street" concept. Crozet Avenue is Main Street, and the name change didn't change that. There isn't enough property downtown for two Main Streets. If you have to take out the bamboo, at least don't call it "Main Street". I'm sure someone could come up with a name for the little road that will be the library access that is more appropriate and original. - the library looks very grand across from the little dry cleaners, which is rather shabby, but is less obviously so in its current environment. Are there any plans to redevelop the site when they retire? With the library there it will be prime, and important for the ambiance of Crozet. Thanks for letting us give you our opinions!!

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