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LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE
Wed. August 3, 1983 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Building Committee:

Nancy Pratt
Eldon McIntosh
Ruth Gilman
Leonard Attrell
E. R. Aho
Stewart Harris
Rick Rementeria

Staff:

Mike Warren
Doreen Turpen

Architect:

Dick Danielson

Building Committee members examined the latest drawings from the architects. Some areas of concern that were brought up included:

1. Expression of concern that the children's area was still too small. There was indication that the work area and staff lounge might be compacted to provide the necessary space for the children's library.
2. Questions as to how the children's area should be set off from the lobby were raised. Alternatives explored were a low wall, a floor to ceiling wall, a glass partition, and a planter wall. It was agreed that there should be some separation in order to channel traffic to the circulation desk and to prevent the children's area from becoming a part of the general traffic area.
3. Discussion on the kitchen area as drawn drew comments that it was larger than necessary. Concern was also expressed about running the plumbing from the south wall to the north and the resulting floor levels it created.
4. Committee members felt that it was unnecessary to change the floor level in what is now the magazine room and that the architects should try to leave the newest areas of the existing library intact whenever possible.
5. Seating in the meeting room was discussed with attention focussing on the use of platform steps for seating. The question of safety and comfort was raised with both favorable and critical comments being made.
6. The need to retain the garden area off the staff lounge was discussed. Points raised were the desirability of providing light into the workroom and staff areas and the importance of softening the building where it adjoins the residential area.
7. On the upper floor level there was again some discussion about the relative size of the designated areas. The reference and non-fiction area appears to be too small for the variety of operations that must be accommodated. Questions were raised whether the staff areas could be

reduced. A possible solution was to change the location of the librarian's office and to use traffic areas for seating, shelving, and the card catalog.

8. There was discussion about changing the existing librarian's office. Opinion was expressed that it was newly refurbished and should be retained as it is. There was also a question raised about the ability of craftsmen to economically match the woodwork and beams that are in the main library room. Others expressed the opinion that keeping the room as it is would hamper flexibility for the future. It had drawbacks for being the librarian's office because it was removed from the main area of activity and the close relationship to the reference area.
9. It was suggested that the magazine area be placed along the east wall and fiction in the west side of the existing library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE
Wed. August 10, 1983 7:30 p.m.
Newberg Public Library

PRESENT:

Building Committee:

E. R. Aho
Ruth Gilman
Rick Rementeria
Terry Mahr
Dorothy Rogers

Staff:

Doreen Turpen

Others:

Walter Tucker

Architects:

Dick Danielson
David Hess

Walter Tucker questioned maintaining the present site and the parking problems. Doreen responded with information from the community survey and current readings. Rick Rementeria added that the Urban Renewal committee is also addressing the parking problem.

The architects made comments on the revised plans and reviewed comments from the meeting of the previous week.

General estimates for the cost of the project were requested and the architects responded that Phase I (consisting of an addition of approximately 4000 square feet to the main level and an equal addition to the basement level, remodeling of the existing basement and main level, and an interim parking lot to the north of the library) would cost between \$600,000 - \$700,000. Phase II (additional expansion to the main level) would cost an additional \$400,000.

The committee discussed relocating the kitchen, making it smaller and combining it with the projection room. That would also allow more storage directly off the meeting room for furniture, etc.

The size of the children's library was questioned and the architects presented options and flexibility for future needs. By redesigning the circulation desk, work room and the staff lounge, they have enlarged the children's area to about 1200 square feet. Excavating for an enlarged garden area to the north would provide future expansion capabilities.

Also discussed was the open court area above the lobby in terms of safety and double usage for storage and display. Other glass display areas and bulletin board areas were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Newberg Library Board
Oct. 13, 1983 7:30 p.m.
Newberg Public Library

PRESENT:

Board Members	Leonard Attrell Dorothy Rogers Judy Elliott
Staff	Doreen Turpen
Others	E. R. Aho

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leonard Attrell.

Motion: Rogers/Elliott to approve the consent calendar as distributed.
Motion carried.

Discussion was again held on establishing a meeting date that was not in conflict with other obligations held by board members. It was agreed to change the regular meeting date to the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the library.

The librarian reported that a \$40.00 donation has been received for the building fund. This marked the first monies to be donated into the newly established fund. Judy Elliott offered to serve as corresponding secretary to acknowledge donations.

Dorothy Rogers showed the yard signs that were designed by Richard Fleming. The format for an ad in the Graphic was discussed as were additional ways of informing members of the general public about the proposed library expansion. Preliminary plans are underway for displays at U. S. Bank, Newberg State Bank, and Chehalem Mercantile. A-Dec has offered the use of their facility for a telephone committee to make calls the night before the election. It was suggested that information flyers or campaign workers might be effective at the grocery stores.

Doreen reported that Liberty Cable will be producing a public service program on the library expansion project that will air the week before the election. It will take the form of a panel discussion that will be enhanced by taped footage taken at the library. The panel will include the librarian, Leonard Attrell, Walter Tucker, and Peggy Campbell. The program may also include a segment with the architects.

The meeting was adjourned to October 27, 1983, 7:30 p.m. at the library.