

Community Facilities Committee – Library Expansion

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 , 6:30 PM, Town Hall Auditorium

Present: **Committee Members:** Meghan Lydon, Chairperson; Ann Mione, Malia Ohlson, Gil Archambault; Scott Cornett; Joel Trafford, Library Facility Manager; Chris Costantino, Library Trustee; Bill Parker, Community Development Director

Excused: Rod Watkins; Joe O’Neil; Merv Newton

The meeting was convened by M. Lydon at 6:30 PM. It was noted that Conrad Koch had sent an email earlier in the day that he could no longer serve on the CFC due to other conflicts and Peg Seward had resigned as well.

M. Lydon provided an update on the Vision subcommittee’s work. She noted that discussion focused on keeping the mission of the CFC on renovation and expansion, as well as on determining what the community feels the Library does for the Town and what is the Library seen as. It was discussed by Vision that more efforts should be made on community outreach and several ideas had been generated: soliciting Library patrons to get out and speak about the Library and what it means to them, making posters with recognizable community figures reading or using the Library; the “Geek” idea from the American Library Association, bookmarks, public service videos with the assistance of Granite Town Media, and in general communicating the ‘social value’ of the Library. All this would further promote and educate the community on the many services provided by the Library. Various groups would be targeted to assist in this effort such as the Friends of the Library, the Trustees, and other community groups such as mom’s, home schoolers, seniors, and service organizations. The goal is to promote awareness and ‘buzz’. The Vision group felt a next step would be to meet with the Trustees and determine what that group would buy into.

Scott Cornett then updated the Committee, stating that the Nuts and Bolts had met at the Library and had a productive meeting with J. Trafford assisting in an in-depth tour of the Library with a focus on the Library’s program, space efficiency and flow, crowdedness, and structural renovation issues. Discussion ensued on how much expansion is necessary versus manipulation of existing space, the feasibility of building ‘up’ and/or ‘down’, and utilization of adjacent properties.

C. Costantino and J. Trafford provided existing building plans and technical data that had been located for the property. S. Cornett volunteered to review the information and bring back more analysis for the next Nuts and Bolts committee. C. Costantino reported that she had located a local professional fundraiser who may be willing to advise and assist in future capital fundraising.

G. Archambault suggested that S. Cornett be made the official chair of the Nuts and Bolts subcommittee and made a motion to that effect. The group consensus was that this was a good idea.

The next full group meeting date was set for Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:30 PM. B. Parker to let the CFC know the location. The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.