



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

South Branch Library Senior Center Steering Committee

Thursday, April 11, 2019

4:00 PM

South Community Library
1307 16th St S
La Crosse, WI 54601

PRESENT:

Sue Anglehart, Phil Ostrem, Krista Hamilton, Jeremiah Galvan, James Wiffler,
Lissa Carlson,
Dave Christianson

ABSENT:

Paul Medinger

STAFF:

Kelly Krieg-Sigman (La Crosse Public Library), Kerry Gloede
(Park & Rec), Jason Gilman (Planning)

GUESTS:

Matt Brasic, Joe Hammes

1. Nomination / Election of Chairperson

Motion to nominate Sue Anglehart as committee chairperson and Phil Ostrem
as vice-chair.

(Krista Hamilton / Dave Christianson) Motion carried

REVIEW OF STEERING COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE

Copies of Council Resolution 19-0099 were distributed for review. Discussion ensued with the following points being emphasized:

- Attention was paid to the committee's charge related to feasibility and how that would be determined through the process. It was noted that a number of factors would feed into this, including site/environmental feasibility, social feasibility and financial feasibility. Kelly Krieg-Sigman reminded the committee that part of the work contracted with the architectural firm is an existing conditions assessment that is expected to reveal any site/existing structure issues.*
- All agreed that constant and consistent communication concerning this project was going to be key to its success. To that end, Mr. Ostrem agreed to reach out to the Common Council president to determine if the steering committee can give a short presentation at the June council planning session to help bring the Council into the loop. It was noted that another piece of the ongoing communication needs to be information concerning the changing role of public libraries in general, and the development of appropriate partnerships.*

SENIOR CENTER SUB-COMMITTEE OUTCOMES REVIEW FROM 2018

Jason Gilman provided a written executive summary of the Planning Department surveys done in 2018 in conjunction with the work done by the senior center sub-committee. It was noted that a majority of the ideas listed were also brought forward during the first round of architect public input meetings.

RESULTS OF DATA COLLECTION BY MSR TO DATE

Kelly Krieg-Sigman reported that while no formal summary was available yet, over 400 surveys have been filled out, with more still trickling in. She has a phone message into MSR; as soon as more information is available, she will forward it out to the committee.

DISCUSSION OF MSR TIMELINE & PROCESS: DATES OF NEXT PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

Significant discussion was held on the fact that the current work being done by MSR is just the very first step in something that will take at least 2-3 years to complete. Kelly Krieg-Sigman was directed to ask MSR to provide some kind of detailed graphic that clearly illustrates the full process. The committee also would like to see some approximate costs that would be related to schematic design, design development, etc. Kelly Krieg-Sigman noted that she will be submitting a capital projects request in 2020 to provide funding for the project to continue to move forward. Finally, they would like to get a clearer picture of what will be happening at the next onsite visit and public meetings with MSR, which is tentatively scheduled for April 22-24. Some of this information is expected to be shared out during the phone conference scheduled for April 16.

2. Potential Names for Future Mixed Use Facility

Because there is currently no agreed-upon "name" for this project, and in order to maintain continuity moving forward, a name must be arrived at. Several preliminary ideas were shared, including:

- "The [blank] Living and Learning Center"*
- "The Parkview Center"*
- "Park Place"*

One big question was raised regarding the inclusion of the word "library" in the name of the overall facility. Did the committee want to retain some connection to the other two library facilities, or should this new creation "stand alone?" This discussion of potential facility names will continue at future meetings.

3. Costs & Funding Discussion

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16 at 5 p.m. in the Trustees' Room at the Main Street library. This meeting consist of a phone conference with MSR.

4. Adjournment

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.
(Phil Ostrem / David Christianson) Carried