

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

April 07, 2015

Special Meeting

The Special Meeting of Council was called to order by Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, at 6:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Jeff Davis Maria Klemack-McGraw Steve Bennett Laura Lanese

Also present were members of the Planning Commission and Jackson Township Trustee, Jim Rauk.

1. Mr. Bennett moved to excuse Mr. Berry; seconded by Ms. Lanese.
2. Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved to appoint Mr. Bennett as Temporary Chair; seconded by Ms. Lanese.
3. Mr. Sandy Bresler of Braun/Steidl introduced Mr. Kevin Kennedy, HBM Architects for the presentation.

Mr. Mark Shaw, Director of SWPL, introduced the Board Members and some of the Friends of the Library who were present.

Temp. Chair Bennett recognized Mr. Kennedy for the presentation.

Mr. Kennedy provided a quick overview of the entrances and location. He said they have spent quite a bit of time working with the Library staff on filling in the interior floor space and the inner workings. He noted that they want to put windows where they work and they need to know what is going where on the inside to accomplish that. He said they are figuring out the exterior as they are working on the interior. He noted that about a month ago, they presented the exterior and took comments from that meeting. He shared that, from those comments, they have added longer windows on the southeast corner. They still have the ramp, but have adjusted it a little bit. They are using mostly brick. They still have the glass panel, but some of them will be more see-thru. They have kept the brick wall to cover the ramp, but it may end up as a lower planter. He said they also heard a suggestion to vary the heights of the different areas, and they looked at that but felt it is better along the Broadway side to be more uniform. Other sides have more variation. He showed each elevation for the building. He said they are starting to figure it out and put it all together. They are moving pretty rapidly to keep on schedule. He said one item that was suggested was a water feature on the front. He said they are fine with that, but the Library does not want to maintain it. If the City does, they can include it.

Mayor Stage asked if there was any portion that could be isolated if there were to be any off-hour events. Mr. Kennedy said they did have that discussion. They moved the meeting space to the corner. They also talked about building a wall, but it would be intrusive. Director Shaw said they have a policy that if there is an after-hours event, they would have a staff member present. Mayor Stage asked about an element on the Grant Avenue side to give it some uniqueness, when people are walking from the north. Mr. Kennedy said they have allowed for an access with some landscaping, but don't emphasize it on the building. Since there is no entry, it was awkward to find a spot on the building.

Ms. Lanese asked if there is a second story at the southwest corner. Mr. Kennedy said it has always been a single-story. They have kept that is for expansion. There will be steel to allow for an addition over that corner. She then asked about the southeast corner. Mr. Kennedy said they have not planned for that to every have a second floor. It is meant to be an open, airy, space. However, it could be changed in the future, if needed.

Mr. Bennett said he thinks the glass feature is hiding the very nice exterior designed behind it. He suggested lowering it to just where the sign starts. He said this would also be a maintenance issue, in trying to keep it clean. Mr. Kennedy said the Library facilities man made the same comment about the maintenance. He said they would look into it, but there are some challenges. Mr. Bennett said he has heard from many residents. Ms. Lanese said she has also heard the same comments from some residents, but she loves the unique look of the glass.

Mr. Davis commented that the Library was put on Broadway for a reason. He feels they have captured the unique look that is desired.

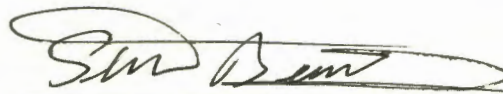
Mr. Rauk asked if there could be an awning for the drop off area in the rear. Mr. Kennedy said they do have a cantilever there. It is hard to see. Mr. Rauk asked if it could come out far enough for a car to drive under. Mr. Kennedy said they would look at it.

Planning Commission members questioned the glass area on Broadway. Mr. Kennedy said they are still working through a few items.

After final comments, a motion was approved to adjourn.

Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Steven M. Bennett
Temporary Chair