

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 14, 2017
6:00 PM
Directors Office

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Rita Henkel

ROLL CALL Members present were: Becky Mosbacher, Barbara Berens, Rita Henkel, Margaret Wafstet, Matt English and Honore Bray. Audra Loyal was excused.

OTHER Dagmara Larson – MSR, Brandon Prinzing – A&E Architects, Chris Martison – A&E Architects, Nikki Manning, Kate Kolwicz – UM Anthropology Students

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

Unfinished Business

Building Project:- MSR and A&E Architects presented two exterior designs to the Trustees. They were looking for input on the design so they could move forward with the drawings.

Dagmara reminded everyone of the Principles of Design that were agreed upon at the beginning of the project. The design was to be grounded in the place, using the landscape around Missoula to trigger the finishes on the outside of the building. Turing to the landscape to help with texture, such as the jagged mountains and rocks, curvaceous lines of the river valley and the changing colors of the seasons.

The floors of the building remind us of the layers of the environment with views and vistas of downtown. The beautiful views should be capitalized on in the design.

OPTION 1 includes floor to ceiling curtain glass, a “geological texture” for the exterior finish.

OPTION 2 includes punched expansive windows, and a “dynamic opacity” for the exterior finish.

Both exterior finishes are created from metal panels that create a reflective surface. The lower level of each includes a black brick accent. .

Rita Henkel was excused at 6:45 to attend a zoning meeting for the Library at the City Council Chambers.

Matt English, Vice Chair of the Trustees then presided over the meeting.

Some questions asked of the Architects were:

1. Will metal date the building
2. Do organic materials last longer

Becky Mosbacher made a motion to instruct the Architects to develop the design for Option 2. Motion carried

Option 2 was chosen because of the reflective pattern created by the exterior. It appears solid but is ever changing as the light reflects differently on the surface during the day. This surface is more reflective at dusk. The building appeared more integrated to the surroundings and less industrial. This option is very sleek and elegant. The Brick adds warmth to the building exterior.

Next meeting: August 24, 2017 in Seeley Lake Branch at 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:

Honore D. Bray, Director Date

Rita Henkel, Chair of the Trustees Date