

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, President Steve Imming called to order a special meeting of the Davenport Public Library Board of Trustees at 12:02 p.m.

Present: Matt Casillas, Craig Cooper, Steve Imming, Judie Lance, Amanda Motto and Sylvia Roba. Absent: Tom Engelmann, Jimmy Holt and Dave Iglehart.

Others present: Greg Lundgren, ex-officio; Eric Gravert, City of Davenport Project Manager; Amy Groskopf, Library Director; Kasey Shipley, recorder.

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by Casillas. All present approved.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear presentations by three firms that submitted a reply to the Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services to the City of Davenport Purchasing Department for bid #16-59.

The first firm is Studio 483 Architects and they began just after noon. Greg Govey is the team leader, working with Rob Winters, and Paragon Commercial Interiors. Their approach begins with a needs assessment study working with the director and library department heads, then taking to board. From there, community forums with two informal meetings, developing a plan and answers to those 6-8 weeks later. Form a joint steering committee that takes 3 to 6 months of 4 to 6 meetings with community leaders for feedback that may aide in fundraising. They would help in providing materials for a fundraising firm. Fundraising would take 6 months to 1 year. There would be cost estimating of budget along the way. Govey believes they have a good understanding of costs. The architecture of the building may be a challenge being an Edward Durrell Stone building, but he is excited by it.

Legat Architects began their presentation at 12:34 p.m. Project manager is Jeff Sandberg, Marc Rohde is project planner and Ted Haug is the principal in charge of design. Haug picks the projects he works on and is excited by the prospect of working on a Stone building. They would take a collaborative approach with staff and public input. They have software that can show quickly how things will look, while also detecting conflicts in design before getting to the change order stage. They believe in honoring the international style Stone used noting this building is a gem. They'd like to enhance the building while being sensitive to the original design. When asked if the budget of 1 to 1.5 million sounded reasonable, the reply was from the first meeting the program must fit the budget. They do work with CCS for cost estimating at a later stage, using in-house estimating in early stages. The library consultant will be working with them from the beginning and they are very committed to LEED/environmentally sustainable products and have been for years. The have to do a LEED checklist from the start of the project as part of their company's philosophy whether we are looking for it or not.

FEH Design began at 1:09 p.m. Representatives present were project manager Kevin Eipperle from their Dubuque office, principal Denny Sharp and interior designer Michelle Cramblit from Des Moines office and George Lawson, their library consultant. They've done over 100 libraries in the Midwest. Eipperle worked on a structural report of the Main Library in 2006; Lawson worked with library staff in 2006 when the children's area moved out of the original room to the main floor, so both know the building. Their design is public driven and they create an advisory task force of community leaders/members to attend meetings for input. This helps in the fundraising for the project as the members become stakeholders. FEH also has a list of 50 Midwest funding sources and will aide in document preparation for grant applications. The "charrette" process they use is an intensive two day event that brings the design office to the site and is interactive with attendees. They use Rev-It software during this event, along with their designers sketching out ideas quickly. The only rule in this process is the best idea wins. The budget for the project will be established early on, per Eipperle. As far as the historical aspect, Sharp doesn't want to change the building but re-work the space while freshening it.

There was some discussion by trustees after the last firm left with no decision made at this time on which firm to select. It was suggested references be checked on each and a decision would be made at the March 15 regular meeting. Negotiations of fees would be done after decision is made.

Casillas motioned to adjourn with a second by Roba at 2:15 p.m. All present approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kasey Shipley, recorder