December 1, 2022 Building Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Building Committee met on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Jim Suhay, Melissa Mark, Rebekah Craft, Steve Schneeman (MCD), Dianne Schurg (MCD), and one member of the public.

Community member and urban planner Bob Gibbs expressed his desire for the library to install a staffed café in the lobby. Schneeman stated that the space will be flexible and that a staffed café could be configured later on if the library chooses to change the configuration of the space.

The Committee members reviewed potential deduct alternate items, which include the skylight, moveable Friends millwork, study rooms, and the light cover over the existing circulation desk. It's important to have these deduct alternates in the project to help keep the project within budget, but cutting any of these items will be difficult. Suhay asked MCD to provide a quote for designing an alternate and less expensive skylight option with 3 or 5 small skylights instead of one large skylight. MCD will provide a quote and timeline for this work to Craft.

The Committee discussed the preferences for the café millwork and location of equipment. MCD will add a larger stainless steel under mount sink at 34" high. No upper cabinets will be added to keep clean visual lines. Craft will work with the library's current vending machine company to supply dimensions of one combo machine or one beverage and one snack machine to MCD. Library staff will explore a new name for the café space (not Vending or Coffee or Refreshments).

The Committee reviewed the updated design for the Friends book sale area. Craft asked that a slot be added to the countertop over the built-in cabinets to collect donations. Craft will share these plans with the Friends to gather feedback.

Craft requested that the roll-down security gate be removed from the project to save costs now that a restroom is no longer included in the café space.

The Hot Picks shelving will be reused and relocated to the front of the new sorter room.

The next meeting will be held at a later date, TBD.