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## September 2022 Building Committee Report

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The Baldwin Public Library Board's Building Committee met on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Jim Suhay, Melissa Mark, Rebekah Craft, Jaclyn Miller, Kristen Tait (virtually), Steve Schneemann, Dianne Schurg, and two members of the public.

The Committee discussed the new requirements for water retention in the front terrace. Schneemann stated that he has been working with the City Engineer and civil engineer to develop a water retention plan that meets the requirements. MCD has moved the terrace trees further south to open up the plaza for activities and provide enough space for water retention tanks.

Suhay asked Craft to speak with City Manager Markus about the new requirements for water retention.

Schneemann stated that the new garden area will include all native plantings, perennials, and hornbeam trees.

The Committee reviewed the plans for the steps inside the lobby.

MCD has proposed two different staircase options. For comparison, the front steps of the library are currently 11" treads, with 5.5" risers.

- **Option 1:** Eliminate the center landing and continue to use 10 steps. Lengthen the treads to be 12" deep and the risers 6" tall.
- **Option 2:** Create a new staircase with 5 steps, a landing, then 4 steps, for a total of 9 steps. This option keeps the original landing, but will shorten the length of the treads to be 11" and increase the height of the steps to be 7".

➤ *Committee members Suhay and Mark recommend that the Library Board select option 2 for the lobby staircase.*

Before the meeting, Craft communicated to MCD the Library Board's requests for the café space following the discussion at the September 19 Board meeting. These included a vending machine for cold drinks and snacks, a sink, additional counter space, a small refrigerator, lockable cabinets, and a coffee vending machine. The Committee reviewed plans for the proposed café. The Committee discussed the merits of each element in the café and stressed the importance of creating a clear walkway through the café and providing a flexible space

that includes each element. The Committee also discussed alternative partnership opportunities for staffing the cafe

Resident David Bloom commented that the café space needs to be reevaluated and that the committee is rushing the design.

The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place at a later date.