

292 design group

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Meeting On: September 28, 2009

From: Pam Anderson; 292

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Project: Hamline Midway Library Joint Use Study
292 No. 9024.00

Present: Jun-Li Wang; HM Coalition
Carrie Pomeroy; Neighbor
Brad Bentcover; HM Coalition
Connie Springer; Neighbor
Kit Hadley; Library Director
Pam Anderson; 292 design group

Samantha Henningson; Ward 4 Aide
Katrina Taylor; Hamline Midway Library
Ben Grove; Neighbor
Kathy Sundberg; Business Owner
Alice Neve; Library
Roger Meyer; Meyer Consulting

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1.	Roger reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting which is to review any further input and the draft report.		
2.	Movie Theater Kathy discussed some addition follow-up she has had on the Movie Theater idea. Kathy met with Barry Kryshka of Take-Up Productions (The Trylon Microcinema). They show movies in both 35mm and Blu-Ray. The library currently has 16mm projectors so use these for some showings. Suggestion was to possibly hook up with a group that has a passion for movies, do a low-budget approach (start with an 8' screen) and find a niche (silent movies with piano?) or do a movie series. Cinema Revolution is a non-profit business run by volunteers; they do movies and hold discussions. Getting the technical stuff is easy; getting people to attend is harder.	---	---
3.	Gardening Matters Gardening Matters came and looked at the library space. They were interested but they wanted a 3-year lease and wanted to move in by October 1 st . They ended up finding space elsewhere as committing to a long-term lease this quickly may end up restricting what direction the library development could take. They were also excited about using the space for programming so should be pursued to make use of the auditorium space.	---	---
4.	Draft Report Review The draft report was quickly reviewed section by section. There were a number of general comments on revising or restructuring the report to better reflect the outcomes of the study; these included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For plan options – insert existing floor plans to show current situation ▪ Provide more of a community focus to the report ▪ Highlight challenges of meeting the original premise of “substantial cost savings” ▪ Detail technology changes - possibly in a separate, more visible section - as they relate to library services ▪ Highlight physical consideration that MUST be completed in order to move ahead with the options including adding toilets to the upper level, separating levels for use at different days/hours, and adding technology 	Roger/ Pam	10/07

4.	<p>Draft Report Review - <i>continued</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Focus in operational considerations – building management is critical. Also note Hamline Midway Coalition as a possible tenant/building manager. ▪ Under budget section – start with pricing the priorities for improvements; simplify this section. ▪ Eliminate totals for revenues as these are unlikely to all be combined – focus more on possible savings with options. ▪ Conclusions/Next Steps – rather than focus on a particular scenario (green or arts), focus on building becoming more vital – more visitors, more activities, more programming - strengthen library scenarios ▪ Start with premise that we can't solve the entire cost issue immediately – ideas should revitalize library usage with great expenditures ▪ Community members, volunteers, neighborhood association assist with grant proposals. ▪ Note that process brought out intense local support and interest grounded in community vitality ▪ Highlight technology and training – by volunteers along with library staff ▪ Recommend ongoing community engagement and optimizing use with physical improvements. ▪ Note immediate, short-term and long-term changes ▪ <u>Immediate ideas may include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changes to collection ▪ Technology classes ▪ More programming (eg. movies with minimal investment) ▪ Involve Hamline Midway Library Association and Hamline Midway Coalition ▪ Increase marketing – targeted ideas to this community ▪ <u>Short-term ideas may include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some code improvements, adding upper level toilets, separating floor levels ▪ Bringing in other tenants/users with minimal renovations ▪ Continuing and expanding ideas above (eg. movies with more equipment) ▪ Adding more technology (esp. for meeting rooms) ▪ <u>Long-term ideas may include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Major renovations/reconfiguration of space ▪ Major changes to the site ▪ Adding green technologies ▪ Expanding community uses 		---
5.	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revisions will be made to the report by Wed., Oct. 7th and sent to the Core Group for final review. ▪ The final report will be sent the Task Force by October 14th. ▪ The Task Force will continue to meet to follow up with the ideas presented in the report – The next meeting will be on Monday, November 9th at 6:30 pm at the Hamline Midway Coalition ▪ The goal will be to present the report to the City Council/Library Board on November 18th. ▪ 	---	---

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