

Meeting Minutes: Meeting No. 10 – 7th Schematic Design

Date: June 19, 2019
Project: Rice Public Library Renovation and Expansion
Location: Kittery, Maine
To: Kendra Amaral + Library Planning Committee
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Meeting title: Building Committee Meeting No. 10

1. Review of Outstanding Old Business

- A. SSA provide and debriefing from the Block Party – shared quotes from the overwhelmingly positive comments we received back

2. Update on Plan Revisions

- A. Plans were reviewed level by level
 - 1. SSA noted relocated breakroom and was asked to removed old kitchen
 - 2. SSA was asked to add a study/parenting room to the third floor

3. Exterior Design Development

- A. Building massing and exterior materials
 - 1. The general reaction to the further development of the angled gesture towards the foreside was positive, though some concern about the resulting ‘boxy’ proportion was raised
 - A. SSA will work to develop a more vertical proportion of materials and windows
 - 2. Conversation focused largely on materials. SSA present options with a ‘red’ brick masonry and a ‘grey’ brick masonry
 - A. The committee was split and could see merit in emphasizing the original brick by using field colors in the new building that were similar to the limestone trim of the existing, as well as the alternative of using the less contrasting ‘red’ brick.
 - B. SSA was also looking for feedback on the infill materials and found that there was more support for higher contrast materials in the ‘grey’ brick options.
 - A. A palette of copper, stone, and corten steel look materials was presented.
 - B. There was slight preference for a copper look infill panel in a ‘red’ brick
 - 3. A roof option with dormers was positively received
 - A. Opportunity to bring light into the children’s story time area was particularly desirable
- B. Site development
 - 1. The garden, book drop, and a seating near exterior stairs were all discussed
- C. Presentation images
 - 1. After continued discussion it was agreed that the SSA would bring a rendering of the grey clad south scheme to the community meeting. This would allow further development of this option and allow opportunity for public feedback

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4. Community Meeting Logistics

A. SSA and LA will both be attending the community meeting. SSA will formulate the digital presentation

5. Next Steps and New Business

A. SSA is working to finalization of the SD phase work

1. Clarity on exterior material direction is very desirable, but not critical for completion of work in this phase. SSA will further refine these selections and will continue to study both a 'grey or contrasting' masonry and 'red of blending' masonry options

6. Next meeting time Community Meeting on June 26, 2019