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Meeting Minutes: Meeting No. 05 – 2nd Schematic Design

Date: April 3, 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 5

1. Communications & Previous Items

A. No comments.

2. Review Schedule

- A. Ryan Kanteres reviewed the schedule ahead of the Community Meeting scheduled for 4/24/19.
- B. Ryan Kanteres noted Pamela Hawkes' (Scattergood Design) site visit and ongoing work for the Preservation Plan.
- C. It was agreed that the next Committee meeting will take place in two weeks (4/16) with a staff meeting prior.

3. Additional Review of Programming

- A. The group discussed the size of meeting rooms and the maker space.
 - 1. Tim Brochu noted that the maker space could be used for children's craft space.
 - 2. Jim Anderson noted that the committee has indicated its support for a combination maker space / community room.
 - 3. The committee noted that a maker space is important to the library's younger constituency.
 - 4. Kendra Amaral noted the overarching goal of space flexibility and avoiding single use spaces.
- B. The group discussed preparation for the community meeting on 4/24.
 - 1. The group discussed sustainability goals and the environmental priorities diagram. Jim Anderson noted that the rate of return and lifecycle analysis is important when considering options.
 - 2. The group reviewed modern library images.
 - 3. SSA agreed to simplify the diagrams/images for the 4/24 meeting.
 - 4. It was agreed that breakout groups were desirable to obtain good community feedback.
 - 5. The team also discussed feedback forms / methods that might be utilized.

4. Schematic Design Progress

A. Scheme B (North)

1. David Batchelder noted that the roof line of the addition could have elements from the original building roof to connect the massing.
2. Jennifer Brewer noted that materials can make a connection, too.
3. Doug Greene stated that the scheme had improved and he and Kendra Amaral noted the proposed lower level drop-off is valuable.
4. The committee discussed advantages and disadvantages of having the children's space on the lowest level.

B. Scheme C (South)

1. The committee had concerns regarding after hours control and meeting access.
2. The committee had concerns about the necessity of moving through spaces to navigate the building.
3. Jim Anderson noted that there was unused space and a lack of connection to the outdoor space.
4. David Batchelder noted that the south side addition is a powerful connection to the Foreside District.

5. Next meeting times April 16, 2019, 6:00pm at Town Hall
 Community Meeting April 24, 2019, 6:00pm at Community Center