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New Library Building Committee Meeting

March 22, 2006

Call to Order: By Phyllis Eldridge, standing in for Chairman John O'Leary, at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Peter Bresciano, Phyllis Eldridge, Joanne Grasso, John Grossman, John Hynes, Paul McEachern, Claudia Morner, City Manager John Bohenko, and David Allen and Mary Ann List of the New Library Steering Committee.

Minutes of January 25, 2006 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Budget

The project continues to be kept on budget. Value engineering work continues with no loss of library program. Capital Improvement funds and private fundraising will be needed to adequately furnish and equip the library.

Progress on Site

Concrete—Pouring is 95% complete. One small pour near the front door is scheduled for March 23rd.

Roofing—The Sarnafil flat roof has been installed. Nail base is currently being applied to the sloped roof surfaces.

Metal studs—The installation of metal studs for the walls has begun. As the studs are completed in an area of the building, insulation for the walls is being installed. This work will continue for one and one-half months.

Interior utilities—Work is ongoing.

Masonry—Masonry work for the circular stair is set begin Monday, March 27th.

Review of Design

Interiors—Finishes which have been selected this month are shingles, slate flooring for the café, and masonry for the circular stair. Yet to be selected are carpet and acoustical tile.

Technology—The bid document for voice and data cabling will be released within 2 weeks.

Energy Modeling—The energy model dated February 14, 2006 has been received from Andelman Lelek.

Preliminary estimates indicate that the building with energy conservation measures in place will be 25% more efficient in natural gas consumption and 20% more efficient in use of electricity.

Green Building

The steering committee met at 10:00 am today (March 22nd) with the commissioning agent (SMRT Architects), the LEED consultant (Jordan Institute), the mechanical contractor and the electrical contractor.

Efforts continue toward LEED certification. City staff reviewed the many aspects of the LEED program as it is applied throughout the country. Significant in the Portsmouth effort are energy efficiency, recycling and the use of nonpolluting materials and building practices.

Schedule

David Allen reviewed the schedule as presented to City Council on March 6th. Concrete pouring slid approximately 1 week due to weather conditions. Construction is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2006. Building commissioning activities will follow immediately, with moving and occupation scheduled for late November.

Liaison Activity

Paul McEachern and Phyllis Eldridge will act as co-chairs of the New Library Capital Campaign. An organizational meeting of campaign volunteers is scheduled from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A on Tuesday, March 28th. All interested NLBC members are invited to attend. The fundraising goal is \$500,000. \$200,000 has already been raised through donations and pledges.

The New Hampshire Folk Festival will be presented on April 29th at the Music Hall. Richard Smith (Cuzin Richard) has arranged the festival as a fundraiser for the new library.

Adjournment: 7:40 p.m.