

Minutes
New Library Building Committee Meeting
August 23, 2006
Conference Room B, Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junkins Ave.

Call to Order: By Chairman John O'Leary at 7:05 p.m.

In Attendance: Chairman John O'Leary, John Grossman, Peter Bresciano, Joanne Grasso, Todd Hanson, City Manager John Bohenko, City staff members David Allen and Mary Ann List.

Review of Progress on Site:

Work on the new library has progressed quickly in July and August as much of the exterior work has been completed and the concentration of labor has been moved to interior work.

The HVAC system is 90% installed. Work continues on the controls. Commissioning agents from SMRT are monitoring the HVAC and controls work.

Electricians are on site. Conduit has been run, and the cabling contractor will be on site near the end of the project. The fire suppression system is approximately 80% complete. City agents and engineers from TMP monitor this work.

Masonry is complete. The construction team will review the punch list on August 30th.

The asphalt shingles have been installed. Work is currently underway on the installation of the slate shingles salvaged from the JFK Building.

Drywall has been applied to approximately 70% of the interior walls. Painting begins the week of August 28th and other finish work begins the first week of September.

Green Building:

The construction team continues to work to accomplish the construction of a green building. Besides City staff members, architects and the construction manager, the green-building team includes a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) consultant and a commissioning agent. The City has now received a final report of the new library's energy model. The model suggests that it is possible to consume 32.8% less energy (electricity and natural gas) in this highly efficient building than in a comparable building constructed to code.

Dan Hartrey and Paul Leveille have begun the paperwork for the LEED application.

The commissioning agent is on site at least once every 2 weeks. Much of his work at this time is on ensuring the proper installation of the HVAC system.

Materials and Furnishings:

City staff presented the architect's color board to the committee members. Also available for review were chairs for the meeting rooms.

The fundraising total to date is \$450,000. The Capital Campaign Committee is committed to raising at least \$50,000 more for furnishings and equipment. The courtyard has been completely funded through a private donation.

The loose furnishings contract has been awarded. Contracts for built-in furnishings, millwork, shelving and moving should be let within the next 2-3 weeks.

Other Business:

The Capital Campaign Committee will host a Gala Event on Saturday, October 21st to celebrate the end of the campaign and to give the community a chance to view the building before it opens. Tickets will cost \$50 per person.

Mary Ann List will work with John Bohenko and City officials to determine the date for the Grand Opening.

Construction is on time and on budget. The shelf installation and moving may take longer than earlier anticipated driving final occupation into early December.

NLBC members are encouraged to send Mary Ann ideas for items to be put into the time capsule.

City staff members have met with 3 neighbors to discuss landscaping. John Bohenko reiterated the City's commitment to provide adequate screening and coverage for neighboring home through landscaping.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann List, Library Director

