

The joint meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control and Building Committee was called to order by President Vanessa Hill at 5:10 p.m. on April 20, 2009 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Bennett Bernard, Andrew Duhon, Jean Kreamer, Kay Theunissen, and Mark Tullos. Building committee members Tom Carroll, Gail Smith and Mike Hollier were present. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator, Maintenance Supervisor Larry Gass and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Project architect Allen Bacque and MBSB staff members Leigh Blakeman and Michelle Broussard were present. Others in attendance included Bruce Conque, Denelle Wrightson, DDA director Cathy Webre, Larry Kreamer and Rodney Hamilton as well as Advocate reporter Marsha Sills and Advertiser reporter Jeff Moore. Board member Susan was out of town and unable to attend.

MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

The design development phase for the Main Library Renovation project was presented by Architect Allen Bacque. The renovations include reorienting the front entrance to face Lafayette Street, recommended public art work in the form of books at the entranceway and murals inside the facility. The renovations also incorporate changes to the parking area and proposed closure of the ingress/egress to the parking lot on Rue Biblioteque near W. Congress Street. The architect is estimating that the project will cost \$9,736,157 and is within budget.

Ms. Blakeman presented several ideas for carpeting and floor choices throughout the library. The library board requested that Mr. Bacque and team reserve the determination of color choices until later in the construction process. Library board members also expressed interest in contributing preferences toward color selections at such time that official determination is conducted.

Following Mr. Bacque's presentation discussion was held on the proposal to close the ingress/egress to the parking lot on Rue Biblioteque near W. Congress Street. Several members expressed concern that reducing the ingress/egress in the parking lot could contribute to congestion at the other entrances/exits when large programs conclude. Discussion was also held on the suggested color and building materials used in the entrance to the children's department.

The Library Board and Building Committee will review the project design and budget. No action was taken at this time. Comments received from the Board, Committee, and public will be reviewed and considered by the Director, consultant and architect.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary