

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### North Valley Public Library Board of Trustees SPECIAL Meeting

208 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870

Friday, April 14, 2023 at 10am-12pm

**Meetings are open to the public.**

**In person in the Community Room AND by Zoom**

#### **Agenda**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Public Comment<sup>1</sup>

Guests: Jacob Wright & Jackie Rudd from MMW Architects and Rob Cullin & Janet Nelson from ReThinking Libraries

Business of Preliminary Design Meeting #2

10:00 – 10:05 Introductions

10:05 – 10:20 MMW to review revised Space Needs Analysis as approved by NVPL and revised project budget based on smaller footprint.

10:20 – 11:30 MMW presents revised smaller floor plan based on the previously approved plan from previous meeting. MMW will also present the overall massing of the floor plan for reference of scale. Discussion to follow.

11:30 – 11:45 MMW and NVPL to discuss the site location updates.

11:45 – 12:00 Closing thoughts/ Next Steps/ Questions & Comments/ Meeting Adjourns

Public Comment

Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTES – Preliminary Design Meeting #2

**Project Name:** North Valley Public Library  
**Project Number:** 22.025

**Meeting Date:** 4/14/2023  
**Meeting Location:** North Valley Public Library/ Zoom  
**Notes Prepared:** 4/17/2023

**Present:** MMW: Jacob Wright & Jackie Rudd  
ReThinking Libraries: Rob Cullin (via zoom)  
NVPL Director: Denise Ard  
NVPL Board Members: Victoria Howell (via zoom), Chair of the Board; Caitlin Dunn, Secretary of the Board; Kim Tiplady, Board Member; Dianne Snedigar, Vice Chair of the Board.  
Foundation Members: Carla, Margi (incoming member)

### Meeting Notes:

1. MMW conducts introductions and new people stated their names.
2. The newly approved Space Needs chart was shown as a discussion of where we are with rooms, spaces, and associated square footages totaling 12,209 SF.
  - a. MMW discussed that the new floor plan adds 200sf for a Fire Pump Room that only needs to be added in the case that the site location isn't connected to City water.
  - b. MMW also mentioned that the actual building footprint will be very close to the space needs but will also be informed by the structural grid that has been proposed.
3. Jacob from MMW presented the high-level cost estimate and explained that he talked with Quality Construction's Cost Estimator briefly about the project and they advised to bring the Unit Cost numbers to \$325 and \$425 respectively but that the inflation rates should be higher with the volatile market they are still experiencing.
  - a. This estimate does include all of the building elements needed for the library to function, does include a line item for FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment), but does not include any other outside vendors that the library may need to hire outside of the contract ie. security/ technology.
4. MMW showed the previously approved floor plan (19,00sf) to give reference point to new layout
5. MMW presented the updated floor plan that closely aligns to the same layout/ configuration of the previously approved plan, just reduced in scale.
  - a. New plan is 12,500 sf.
  - b. Makerspace and Lg. Multi-Purpose Room are right off entry so that they can be accessed after hours with direct access to restrooms
    - i. Separate access to each room can be controlled by keypads on the door so that different groups can rent out the spaces. Pin code can be reset as many times as needed and have time limitations.
  - c. Business Center to be in close proximity of the Circulation Desk so that the staff can assist easily and readily. Adult computers will still be located in Adult Library.

- d. Popular Library can be sectioned off with various acoustic panels, furniture etc. so that the openness of the area is still maintained but noise is controlled.
  - e. Desire to create “cozy” zones within the Adult Library so that people have places that they can sit and read paper/ books in quieter areas.
  - f. Dashed red lines indicate sections where MMW plans to vault the ceiling, express structure, and get more light into space.
6. MMW presented interior views of what the vaulted sections may look like with the expression of the mass timber structure, stone elements being carried into the building, and the open views throughout spaces.
- a. Overall, NVPL seemed to really like the concept and discussed it’s similarities to the Darby Library but with more square members rather than round logs.
  - b. Jacob explained the benefits of the GLT roof panels and GLT columns as it relates to the other building elements and the familiarity of wood framed construction.
7. MMW presented (2) exterior views of the proposed concept and described the various exterior materials chosen to be appropriate for the scale, budget, and durability/ maintenance value.
- a. The front entry would have the stone. NVPL liked the Bitterroot stone since it’s local.
  - b. The upper gabled areas are proposed to be vertical wood siding for the warmth and integration of all of the wood elements on interior.
  - c. The rest of building would feature metal siding for it’s durability, low maintenance, and cost effectiveness.
8. MMW discussed the proposed structural system that would comprise of a wood-framed building with innovative wood structural grid in mass timber elements.
- a. The goal is to create a highly efficient design and layout so that the building can easily be added on to in the future if expansion is desired/ needed.
  - b. Allowing the open-web trusses to be mostly open to view makes maintenance and additions easier.
    - i. MMW suggests installing acoustic ceiling clouds over much of the trusses to dampen sound transmission, give visual interest, and add wayfinding signage/ color. These clouds can be moved/ taken down for any maintenance needs.
  - c. NVPL/ MMA discussed how this can still qualify for the Forest Service Grants
    - i. Darby was built about 20 years ago and got grant through small diameter wood
      - (1) Darby talked with Forest Products Lab and the State and Private Forestry service.
    - ii. Grants vary from \$30,000 - \$300,000
      - (1) Their fiscal year runs October to late September with funding going out end of March.
    - iii. Jacob mentioned Julie Keys may be a good resource for what the Forest Service would be looking for to satisfy their grants
      - (1) May just offset engineering costs but believe they are starting to contribute to construction costs as well
  - d. NVPL asked if there were any local examples of open truss structures with ceiling clouds that they could see in person. Jacob said he will think about that and get back to NVPL.
9. The Mechanical system was then discussed. MMI engineers recommend that they go with gas-fired roof top units with an energy recovery wheel. They only recommend going electric if they do solar panels from the beginning to offset the costs of electricity versus gas.
- a. MERV 13 filtration and Bipolar Ionization can be added on for an additional cost.
    - i. NVPL is interested in both but would want to know the upcharge.
    - ii. They have MERV 16 in current library
10. Plumbing & Electrical was discussed following.
- a. MMW recommends single use, unisex restrooms. NVPL agreed.
11. Sustainability was discussed with focus on newer technologies in insulation and ways in which they might be able to incorporate rain water harvesting as a demonstration opportunity for learning.
12. Lastly, the site map was talked about with the group.

- a. MMW showed the location of Jim Kester's property. Overall, it was appreciated that he reached out to the library but it's location is not ideal and there are multiple structures on the property that would have to be demolished.
- b. The other site of Keith Koerner showed promise with it's larger size, close proximity to school, and being that it's vacant. Main downside is the feeling that a library may impose on the neighborhood as that area is very densely populated on all sides.
- c. The school property still seems to be best choice.
  - i. Dianne met with school board and they all seemed to support the idea of selling to the library.
  - ii. The school would need to get a market evaluation on the property and first vote to approve the sale within the school board and then it would have to go to vote out to community in November.
  - iii. Discussion of the use of the existing house on the school property being used for incoming teacher housing and school may want to somehow maintain that benefit for teachers.
    - (1) May ask library to purchase other property with a house on it.