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Lindenhurst Memorial Library

Community Planning Committee Programming Meeting

03/23/2017 @ 6:30 PM

A. Overview of the Charrette Purpose and Process

Lisa Kropp, Library Assistant Director, introduced H2M to the participants (approx. 12 attendees)

- The purpose of these meetings is to solicit opinions and ideas for incorporation into for the building project.
- The Library provides 42,000 residents with a wide variety of services and programming.
- We are here to listen and obtain public input to gain an understanding of the needs from the perspective of residents.
- Peter Ward, Library Director, reinforced that we are starting with a blank slate. It is the community that drives and guides the design process.
- Participants were encouraged to attend all meetings in order to avoid going backwards.

Agendas:

1. Tonight – Charrette #1:
 - Review opportunities and program concerns emerged from last meeting
 - Overview of constraints and insufficiencies of existing spaces
 - Determine space program based on the requirements/desires of the community
 - Break-out session to develop design concepts and adjacencies
2. April 25, 2017 (Thursday) 6:30 PM - Charrette #2:
 - Present proposed site and floor plans developed based on design concepts collected
3. May 20, 2017 (Saturday) 9:30 PM – Charrette #3:
 - Identify magnitude of construction and costs, priorities & phasing options

B. Building Program and Site Issues

Katie Stone from H2M presented the proposed building program based on comments collected during the last Community Planning Committee Meeting on January 24, 2017.

1. Site conditions:
 - Provide connection between Library building and Annex building for consolidation.
 - Provide dedicated entrance for after-hours community meetings
 - Reconfigure parking area to improve traffic safety and efficiency
 - Incorporate outdoor area into building design
2. Administration & Staff:
 - Total existing = 3,856 sq. ft.
 - 1st Floor & Basement - 1,958 sq. ft.
 - Annex – 1,898 sf ft. (currently accommodate 7 staff)
 - Total proposed = 3,715 sq. ft

- Reduced the area by 141 sq. ft. by consolidating the separate areas to maximum efficiency and promote collaboration.
3. Multi-purpose Room:
- Existing = 1,231 sq. ft.
 - Too small, no storage, no break-out room
 - Proposed = 2,478 sq. ft.
 - Need to serve 100 people
 - Include smaller break-out rooms
 - Includes auxiliary space – e.g. A/V, kitchenette, bathrooms
 - 1,247 sq. ft. increase – twice as large as existing space
4. Children's Area:
- Existing = 3,092 sq. ft.
 - Nice sized space
 - Need more dedicated areas for different programs and age groups
 - Proposed = 3,578 sq. ft.
 - Better organized
 - Includes separated story time area, toddler area, computer area, play area
 - Includes private kid's bathroom and breastfeeding room
 - 486 sq. ft. increase
5. Adult Collection:
- Existing = 8,174 sq. ft.
 - Generally adequate space
 - Need isolation from noisy spaces
 - Proposed = 7,400 sq. ft.
 - Includes quiet/group study and small meeting rooms
 - Centralized computer area
 - Includes gallery, café, business area
 - Decreased 774 sq. ft. due to reduced size of collection
6. Teen Area
- Existing = 852 sq. ft.
 - Based on result from Teen survey completed by Library
 - Just below 1/2 of the teens surveyed use the library due to noise level and lack of transportation
 - Design may not be able to address the lack of transportation
 - Proposed = 1,675 sq. ft.
 - Includes maker space and tutor rooms
 - 823 sq. ft. increase – almost twice as large as existing space

Summary:

- Existing space = 27,625 sq. ft.
- Proposed = 31,699 sq. ft.
- Total increase = 4,074 sq.ft. – pretty achievable!

C. Breakout Session and Building Design Concept

The team broke into two separate smaller work session groups to begin investigating design solutions. The group then reconvened to review the conceptual schemes developed by the two breakout groups.

- Pansy Cheng from H2M presented the sketch from the 1st team, which indicates that Annex building could be demolished and replaced by adding a 1-story addition with a full basement, about the same square footage to the existing Library building.
- Adriana Concepcion from H2M presented the sketch from the 2nd team, which took a more conservative approach. The design keeps the existing Annex Building for book storage and small meeting rooms that could be access by patron's request, with reconfigured spaces in the existing Library building.
- The sketches attached were generated by this discussion. They depict the group's consensus about how best to begin locating and configuring the major components of the library.

Ideas that emerged from both design concepts include:

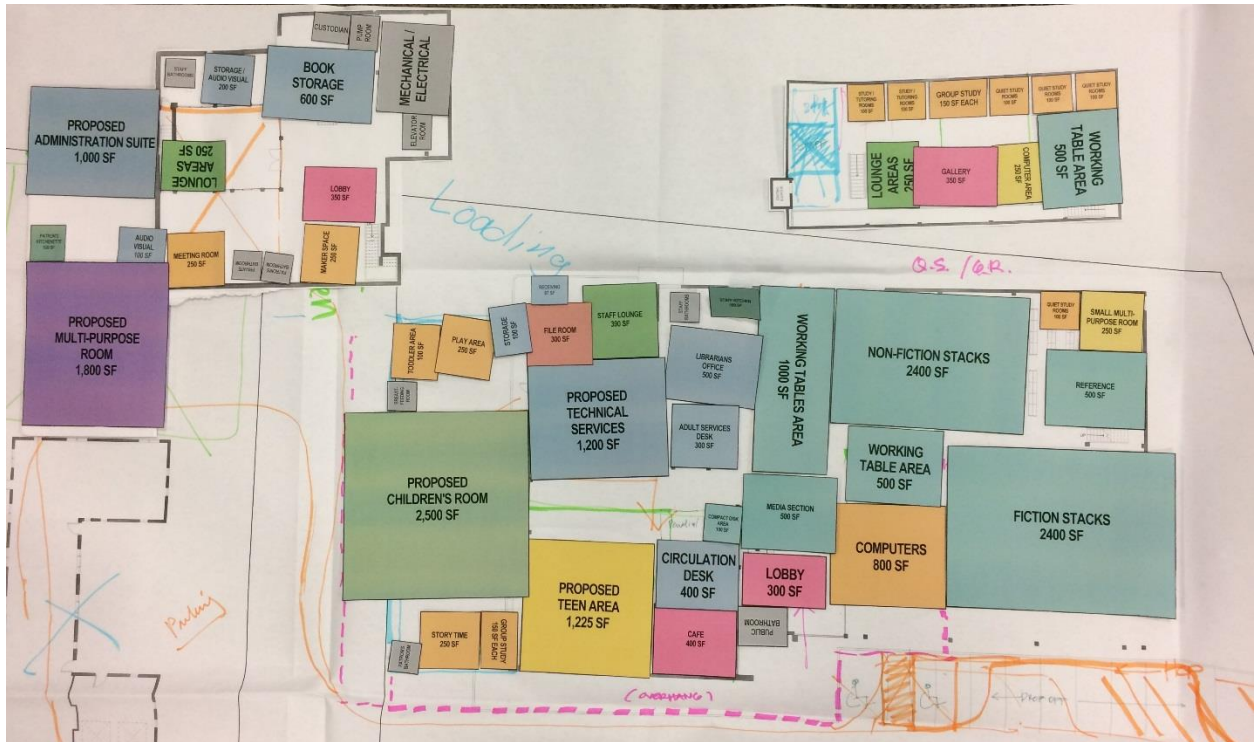
- Keep location existing main entrance
- Circulation and Café near main entrance
- Keep Adult Collection on the right side upon entrance, i.e. west side facing Wellwood Avenue
- Small Meeting Room and Quiet Study Rooms on either north (Lee Avenue side) or south (mezzanine side) of the building
- Children's Room on the left side upon entrance, i.e. east side facing parking lot
- Teen Area should be located near Children's Area
- Administration and Staff area on the south side, with visual surveillance on all areas
- Locate quiet work / reading areas on the mezzanine, with a small staff area for supervision
- Keep Multi-Purpose Room in Basement
- Maintain outdoor space with dedicated areas for Children and Adults, and landscape/hardscape for various activities.

D. Next Steps

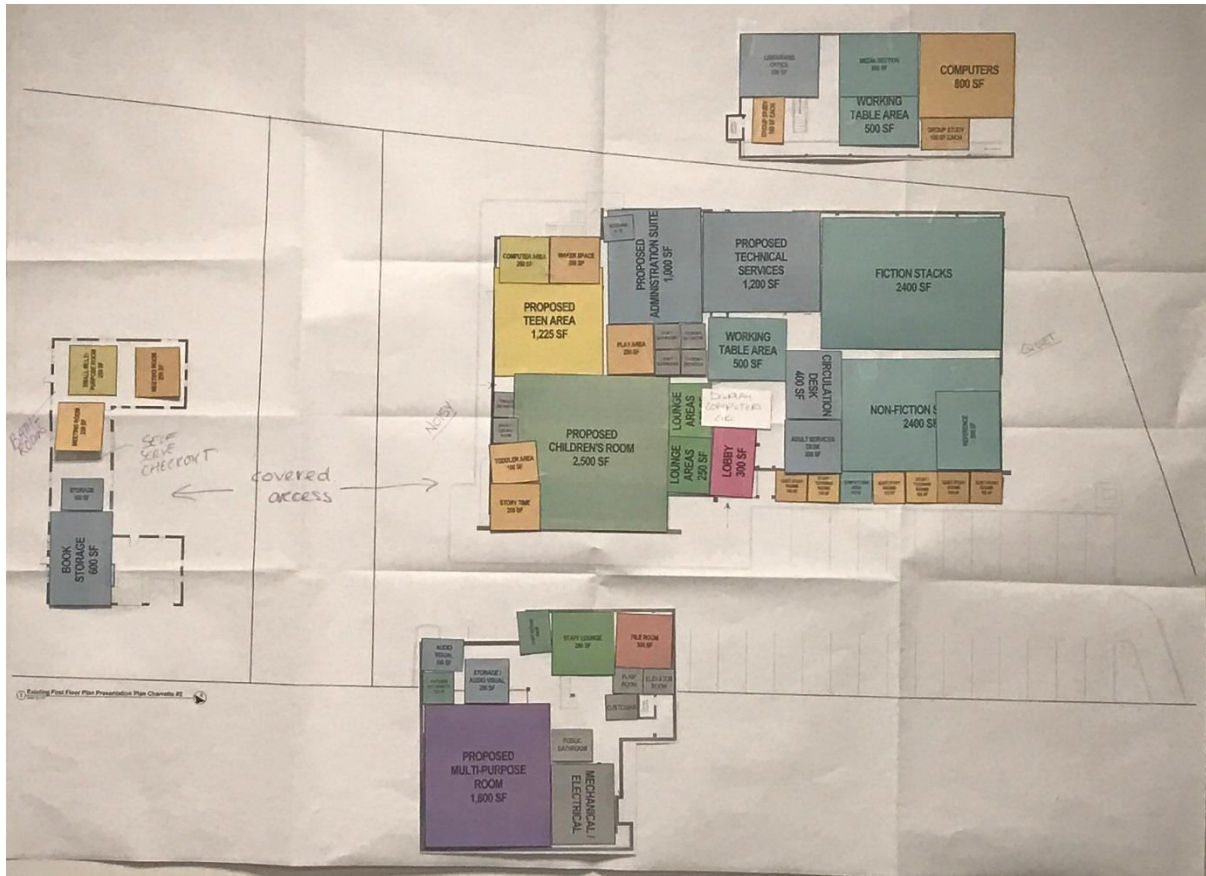
In conclusion, the charrette resulted in the creation of conceptual floor plans, with the group reaching consensus on placement and adjacencies of the major components ("anchors") of the library.

- Based on input and comments collected, H2M will start to assemble design concepts for participants' review and comment during the next Charrette on Thursday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM.
- We hoped each person who participates in the charrette process will feel a sense of ownership for the future of the Library.
- Participants were encouraged to spread the word to the neighbors via facebook, social media, civic group newsletters, etc.

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Team 1 ↑



Team 2 ↑