

**Master Plan Community Facilities
September 26, 2016**

Members Present – Elyse Crossman, JR Peter Nelson, Eileen Skowronski, Deb Matteau, Michelle Otten
Pierce
Staff- Nancy Merrill

Motion to accept the minutes of September 19th made by Deb Matteau and seconded by Elyse
Crossman. Unanimous.

Fiske Free Library

The committee continued discussion about the library and reviewed the building cost analysis done in
1996 by UK Architects. That analysis looked at four options.

1. Option 1 – Connect the existing library to the adjacent church building by constructing a link
structure which will provide a barrier free entrance and an elevator. Undertake minimal
renovation of the adjacent church to provide storage and program space. Reorganize and
renovate portions of the existing library.
2. Option 2 – Expand the existing library by adding a 2nd story above the existing 1st floor, update
the barrier free entrance and provide a new elevator. Reorganize and renovate portions of the
existing library.
3. Option 3 – Construct a new single story library building on a new site with associated site
development costs. Land costs are not included in this analysis.
4. Option 4 – Renovate the existing North Street School for library use. This option would include
the renovation of 13,000 square feet of the approximately 16,000 square feet of existing space.
The remaining 3,000 would remain untouched.

Bernie Folta felt that the library had unrealized potential. Elyse Crossman stated that she liked the 1996
sketch that was part of the report for Option 1. Peter Nelson felt that it was a great library that needed
some updates, particularly in the meeting room. He liked option 1 as a means of both expanding the
library and utilizing another historic building. Deb Matteau felt it was important the library expansion
be in the facilities plan. Nancy Merrill stated that libraries can often find funding by private foundations.
Eileen Skoronski also liked the 1996 sketch. She also discussed mobility and getting books out into the
community. Deb Matteau agreed that it is important to get kids to the library, even if it means raising
money to fund transportation. Michelle Otten-Pierce will check with the School Board on a library
project. There was agreement from the committee that the library should be used to its fullest
potential.

There was general discussion about establishing reasonable priorities and whether to use the CIP
distinctions. The committee will discuss goals at its next meeting.

Nancy Merrill