Takoma Park Maryland Library

City Council Meeting
October 29, 2015
Process

• Develop a Program / Space Needs
  – Identify Services to be Offered & Community Needs
  – Establish Space Needs for Collections, Seating, Staffing

• Prepare Alternative Floor Plan Layout Options

• Identify Recommended Approach
Program for Takoma Park Library

We Addressed:

- 21st Century Library Trends
- Community Expectations
- Collections
- Programs
- Seating Capacity
- Use of Technology
- Library Staffing
- Group Study & Meeting Rooms
- Site Context
Visioning: Community Priorities- Functional Spaces

Community’s Priorities for TPPL

Functional Spaces

- More space for collections
- Provide adequate space for children including a dedicated children’s programming space
- More study space
- Create a Library “commons” space for technology access and study
- Utilize the outdoor space at the library entrance
- Provide a dedicated space for teens
Space Needs Program

### Space Program Summary

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<td><strong>Total w/ 1.25 Bldg Grossing Factor</strong></td>
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Includes mech/elec rooms, walls, circulation

**Existing Library**
- Rm A & B & office in Community Center
- Total: 7,718

**Total**: 9,428

### Seating

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**Multi purpose Rm / children**

**Total Seats plus Computers**

| Total Seats plus Computers | 52 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 54 | 128 |
Condition of Library

Library Exterior

- Walls
- Windows
- Roof
- Mosaic
- Flood Wall
Condition of Library

Interior
• Code Issues
• Finishes
• Furnishing
Condition of Library

Infrastructure
- HVAC
- Power
- Lighting
- Plumbing
Context
Exterior Character

Parking Lot (West) Elevation
Street (South) Elevation
East Elevation
Community Center Entrance
Original Library
Library Entrance
Existing Conditions

- Access
- Trees
- Flood Wall
- 20' Setback
- MAPLE AVENUE
- PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
Where & How can the Library be Expanded?
Floor Plan
Issues to Consider

• Patron flow in Library
  – Collections/areas easy to find
• Ability to house the collection
• Sufficient seating
• Visibility of Public Area by Staff
• Staff Administrative Space
• Connection to the Community Center
  – Resolve some existing circulation issues
• Where is the Front Door?
  – Is there one?
  – Does it matter?
• Impact on the Landscape
• Flood Wall
• Image from the Street
Initial Options Considered

1. Re-Plan the Existing Library - 9,314 SF
   Construction Cost = $1.4 M

2. Expand toward Philadelphia Ave - 13,152 SF
   Construction Cost = $2.3 M

3. Expand & relocate Mosaic Wall - 13,780 SF
   Construction Cost = $2.6 M

Total Project Costs include construction cost plus other project costs estimated at 20% to 30% of the construction cost
Comments by Council after On-Site Meeting

Site Issues
- A connection to the community center is critical. All new options should enhance that connection.
- Investigate new entrances to the library from both the parking lot and the front of the site to address the fact that patrons come from the parking lot, Philadelphia Ave, and the “flood wall” issue.
- Determine if it is possible to add space to the library by encompassing the space (courtyard) between the community center and library outside of the “octagon” spaces. Investigate if the stair down to the police parking is required for code egress.
- Save most, if not all, of the trees.
- Make sure there is a generous setback from Philadelphia Ave.
- Don’t be hesitant to redesign the parking lot if it would help.
- Add glass to the facade so people can see both what is going on in the library and patrons can look outside.
- Leave the mural, if possible.

Library Issues
- Make sure the library is flexible and adaptable for future changes.
- The library needs to be inviting, comfortable, and safe.
- Develop a way that the library can be closed off from the community center on weekends.
- Straighten out the corridor from the community center reception desk to the library by encompassing the outdoor walkway (check for code implications).
- Add group study rooms.
- Maintain the large printed collection.
Proposed Expansion Concept
(Expansion Areas in Yellow)
Proposed Expansion Plan Concept
Plan

Circulation & Functional Relationship between community center and library
Character Sketch

Arial illustrating new entry Canopies and Courtyard infill from Southwest
Character Sketch

Arial illustrating new expansion from Southeast
Character Sketch

View from Philadelphia Ave
Character Sketch

View from Philadelphia Ave. Sidewalk
Character Sketch

New Library Entry
Character Sketch

New Library Entry
Character Sketch

New Community Center Canopy
Character Sketch

View to open Canopy Infill