

**Building Committee
Oregon Public Library
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, July 9 at 5:30 PM

Location: Oregon Public Library (Sue Ames Room), 256 Brook St., Oregon, WI 53575

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Adopt/amend agenda
4. Approve/amend Minutes from 6/25/19
5. **Public Comment** *Up to fifteen (15) minutes will be provided for community input, with each speaker afforded three minutes; otherwise the agenda will proceed as posted.*
6. **Informational Items:**
 - a. Email from Laura Gochberg
 - b. Letter from Sara Dewey
 - c. Letter from Susan Shedivy
 - d. Letter from Rae Vogeler
7. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**
 - e. Discussion on Variance Request
 - f. Site Design Update
 - g. Building Design Update
 - h. Additional Public Comments on Agenda Items (10 minutes)
 - i. Vote on Location of Building on Site
 - j. Possible Selection of Future Meeting Date(s)
8. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Oregon Public Library Board of Trustees and/or the Village of Oregon Board may be present.

Posted: Friday, July 5, 2019 at:

Oregon Village Hall
117 Spring St.

Oregon Public Library
256 Brook St.

Oregon Post Office
252 Brook St.

Committee Members: Jenny Nelson, Kyle Severson, Amanda Peterson, Jenna Jacobson, John Bieno, John Bonsett-Veal, Megwyn Sanders-Andrews

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Building Committee Meeting Minutes

Oregon Public Library

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Oregon Public Library, 256 Brook St., Oregon, WI 53575

1. **Call to order** Amanda Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. **Roll Call** Those attending: Amanda Peterson, Jenna Jacobson, John Bieno, John Bonsett-Veal, Megwyn Sanders-Andrews. Unable to attend: Jenny Nelson, Kyle Severson. Attending from OPN Architects: Mindy Sorg, Brett Rottinghaus. Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, Mary Davidson, Assistant Director (recorder) attended.
3. **Adopt/amend agenda** Peterson made the motion to add a public input line after 6b (3 minutes per person, with total of 15 minutes). Sanders-Andrews seconded. Agenda adopted as amended, 5-0.
4. **Approve/amend Minutes from 6/11/19-** Bieno made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. **Public Comment**
 - a. **Susan Shedivy, 1860 Cty MM, Fitchburg, WI-** Referred to letter to the editor by Carol Bloom. Wants the architect to draw up a plan to preserve the trees.
6. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**
 - a. **Initial Concept Plan Review-** Topics reviewed from the June 11, 2019 meeting included: the arborist's report; underbuilding parking vs surface parking; setbacks required by commercial buildings; how the climate affects the location of the building.
 - b. **Initial Massing Concept Review-** To explore saving tree #11, they began by exploring locating the building right off of main street, but this had challenges due to distance of parking, terrain, orientation, and natural light. Rottinghaus presented 2 options which were more functional, both of which preserve tree #11.

Option 1 - The building sections meet at a 90 angle where everything moves around the tree. The book return would be in the lower level, along with the mechanicals. A conveyer belt would be necessary to move the books to the staff area.

Option 2- Used the preferred design from the last meeting, but shifts the footprint to the south and west, making the angle more drastic. It respects the tree. Parking is similar. The book drop/staff areas are close to Main St. A gabled roof was added to add interest.

Both designs were created after receiving the arborists report. It was noted that a variance would be required for both options due to not meeting the required setbacks. Comments from building committee members included: how to build while preserving the health of the tree; how to accommodate PV panels and green roofs; how a curved entrance would affect the program; where to locate the staff area; wayfinding; variances for sheds/garages on the properties that border the south and west.
 - c. **Public Comment –**
 1. **Andrea Below, 127 Johnson St, Oregon WI-** Said she loves first option, but thinks the second is more feasible.
 2. **Mike Wunsch, 299 N. Main St, Oregon WI –** Likes option 2; it saves a tree. Puts green space around the building. Not crazy about the parking, but that's another issue. Concern is viewing out from within the library, down the hill.
 3. **Derek Below, 127 Johnson, Oregon WI -** Likes option 2, likes the mechanical room in the lower level, along with the book drop. Appreciates saving the tree. Parking is for another day's discussion.
 4. **Cindy Helmer, 151 W Grove St, Oregon WI –** Questioned how long it takes to have a variance requested.

5. **Rae Vogeler, 299 N. Main St, Oregon WI** – Is thrilled with what you’ve presented. She is open to both options. She liked the consolidating parking presented at the last meeting. Likes all the green spaces.
6. **Leif Olson- 276 N Main St, Oregon WI** – Likes option 2. Would like a curved entry way. Wants to be conscious of light pollution, noise,
7. **Sue McCartney, 276 N. Main St, Oregon WI** – Likes option 2. Wants the book drop away from Main St.

John Bieno made the motion to proceed with option 2, contingent upon the flexibilities for massing, building shape, distance to oak tree, book drop off, staff support, childrens’ collection location, and the potential for a curved entry. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

d. Possible Selection of Future Meeting Date(s)- July 9, 2019 at 5:30pm saved as tentative date.

7. Informational Items:

- a. Community Member Feedback on New Library from Share Your Thoughts Forms- includes additions since last meeting.
- b. Article: *‘The sky is the limit’: Take a look at the coming east side Pinney Library (The Cap Times, June 19, 2019)*- interesting to hear what other libraries are doing, and features they’ve selected.
- c. Hennepin County: Maple Grove Library Informational Handouts (Provided by A. Peterson) – integrated sustainable design. Built 10 years ago. Still looks state of the art.

8. Adjournment Bieno made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

From: Laura Gochberg
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2019, 1:03 PM
To: jway@oregonlibrary.com

Oregon Public Library Building Committee members,

I would like to first say that I am 100% in support of having a library built in our neighborhood. Would I like to see more green space and reduces parking from some of the preliminary plans? Of course, but I do not want anything to compromise the value of my neighbors properties or my own.

I would like to go on record that I am not in favor of granting a variance for the Library building to be placed almost directly on my lot line. That said I think there are many other placements that have been shown that our neighborhood could get behind.

I would like to commend the Building Committee and the Village for listening and responding to my neighbors views.

As a neighborhood we fought hard against a previous project we perceived as detrimental to our community, the Village listened and gave us something so much better. A Library, the very prize that was asked for.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,
Laura Gochberg
233 N Main St

July 3, 2019

Dear Jennifer Way, Director of the Oregon Public Library,

I would appreciate it if you could distribute this letter to the various involved groups: the Library Board, the Library Building Committee, the architects, and Village Board Members.

The recent meeting of the Library Building Committee was refreshing and forward-moving. The members of the neighborhood who attended felt very much affirmed by the opportunity to make comments during the middle of the meeting, rather than only at the beginning and at the end. And so many members of the neighborhood are ecstatic with the newest library design that will incorporate the giant bur oak. I imagine this library site with the beautiful grand bur oak tree will be an attraction for all Oregon community members as well as others who will come from outside of our community. It will be a true feather in Oregon's cap to show off the new library with the magnificent Mother Tree, and all the history that tree has seen, in full view.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed so positively to this process.

Susan Shedivy
1860 County Road MM
608-332-1201

Dear Jennifer

7/3/19

Although I was unable to attend the last building committee meeting I heard that it went very well.

I have seen the new Conceptual plan and am very pleased with the proposed changes.

Thank you to you, the Building Committee and the architect for listening to and acting on the ideas and concerns of Oregon Residents.

I appreciate all that is being done by everyone involved to create a wonderful library and space for all to enjoy!

Best,
Aria Deemy
216 N. Main St.

July 3, 2019

Rae Vogeler
299 N. Main Street
Oregon, WI 53575

▶ **Jennifer Endres Way**

Director, Oregon Public Library
256 Brook Street
Oregon, WI 53575

Dear Jennifer:

I am writing this letter to thank you, the Oregon Library Building Committee and OPN architects for all of your hard work on the new library. I am hoping that you will please forward this letter to those interested parties.

I was very impressed with the latest Building Committee meeting on June 25, 2019 and pleased in particular with both the decision making process and the outcome of that meeting.

Neighbors were glad that they could speak in the first fifteen minute public comment period, as well as in the middle of the meeting before a vote was taken. The additional time in the middle provided us an opportunity to comment on current topics before decisions were made. We were not limited to six minutes, and therefore did not feel pressured. The end result was that we spoke quickly and efficiently, and directly addressed decisions that were being made at the time. That was much more valuable than speaking about decisions that had already occurred.

I also want to express my gratitude for the conceptual plan (Option 2 with modifications) that was approved at that meeting. Neighbors overwhelmingly spoke in favor of the plan because it addressed many of the concerns that we have raised over the past several months. The plan is visually appealing and interesting, saves the mature oak tree #11, and provides for distributed green space around the building. I am fully in support of this plan and excited about raising funds for such a lovely building and green space.

On another note, neighborhood representatives have been meeting with Oregon's village planner, administrator and public works director about options to potentially reduce parking at the future library. We are appreciative of their time, professionalism and facts about how to proceed on this matter.

In summary, I look forward to working together to create a 21st century library that will make Oregon proud.

Sincerely,



Rae Vogeler
Oregon Near North Main Street Neighborhood
Association
