TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the above referenced committee on Wednesday July 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via a Conference Remote Meeting. All members and participants present were there electronically.

Committee members present were: Mark Weisman, Bob Berman, Chris Grant, Marsha Bryant, Bob Ike, Lois Hager, Jesse White

Also present: Ad Hoc members Ava Biffer, Leah Farrell, Maxine Ursery, Elizabeth Lane, Library Director, and Nancy Haynes, Purchasing and Risk Manager.

Also present were Deputy Mayor Greg Davis, Ryszard Szczypek and Diana Lanser from TSKP, Tom Romagnoli and Kyle Lentini from Downes Construction, Chip Phillips from Colliers Project Leaders and Chris Siloac and Alison Wilkos from Bloomfield Public Library.

Absent: Kinjal Amin, Erica Coleman

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Chair Weisman noted that it was regular meeting #45

Old Business

On a motion by Bob Berman, as seconded by Bob Ike, the minutes of the 7/13/22 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

New Business

1. Architect Report. TSKP has started design development and met with staff. It is a work in process. They plan on having west elevation and renderings of Prosser at the 8/10/22 meeting. Residential ranges and reason for this new request were discussed.

2. Construction Manager Report. Downes reported on the schedule, specifically dates for design, bidding and construction. They also reported that switch gear, Eversource, RTU’s and electrical are all long lead time planning items. Their schedule showed a GMP (guaranteed maximum price) amendment of 3/28/23 which is when construction begins.

3. McMahon Grant. There was discussion regarding the grant and based on the timetable it looked like applying for the grant would have a negative impact on the schedule (and increase the cost), as there needs to be a signed grant in hand prior to signing the GMP amendment. In response to questions about applying for the grant and then withdrawing if it was going to delay, Elizabeth Lane reported that it was frowned upon and Nancy Haynes read an email from the state that said the same and said that it could take funds away from other library projects. There was discussion regarding going for a lower amount that would cover just FF & E and technology since that
would not be bid out at same time as construction so would possibly not have a delay. There would be additional information needed to pursue that in time to make a recommendation to the Town Council for their 8/8/22 meeting at which the approval to apply for the grant would be needed. On a motion by Bob Ike, as seconded by Jesse White, it was moved to recommend to Town Council to approve applying for the grant for less than $1 million only if it was for non-construction activities that would not impact the schedule, could be used for FF&E and technology if the grant allows – all subject to additional staff research prior to the Town Council meeting. The motion was approved 5-0 with one abstention (Bob Berman).

4. **Director’s Report.** Elizabeth Lane provided a copy of the Meet the LBC flyer, and gave a stove update. Staff is working on updated technology pricing. She reported that the CIF grant for $5.5 million had been submitted, and played the video that had been sent to Committee members via email earlier in the day showing what libraries do.

5. **Committee Reports.** No reports from Outreach or Programming, the latter will send out a poll for a meeting date. Bob Berman reported that the OPM contract is in place and Chip Phillips from Colliers Project Leaders was welcomed.

6. **Approval of Invoice.** Nancy Haynes presented invoice # 001 from Downes Construction Company in the amount of $18,236 for preconstruction services. The motion to approve was made by Bob Ike and seconded by Jesse White and unanimously approved.

7. **Future meetings.** Regular meetings scheduled for 8/10/22 and 8/24/22. There is a special Town Council meeting on 7/28/22 for appropriating the additional $1.5 million for the additional square footage.

8. **Comments from the Committee.** Elizabeth Lane inquired about LEED, Leah Farrell commented on the stove and Lois Hager spoke about the hazmat reports.

9. **Comments from the Public.** Sten Caspersson spoke about the stove/range and sidewalks.

**Adjournment:** At 7:21 p.m. it was moved by Bob Berman, seconded by Bob Ike and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.