



**WHEATON LIBRARY / COMMUNITY RECREATION / GILCHRIST CENTER**

G+P Project # 21302 DGS CIP # 361202

Meeting Date: June 24, 2013 , 7-9 pm

Notes Issued: July 02, 2013

Location: Wheaton Library Meeting Rm 2

**MEETING NOTES : Community Workshop 2**

**ATTENDANCE**

See sign in sheet attached for exact attendees

**DISTRIBUTION**

All Wheaton Project team attendees

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The intent of the Meeting is to get second round of Community Input for the design of the new Library, Recreation Center and Gilchrist Center Project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Item Description	Action Req'd By	Date Due
<p><b>2.1 GENERAL DISCUSSION:</b>            Don Scheuerrman from DGS kicked off the meeting by introducing the County team and the Project background. Melanie Hennigan from Grimm and Parker explained the agenda for the night and what was covered in the first community workshop.</p> <p>In a slide show Melanie presented the results of the online survey and the community input from the last workshop. This lead to a draft of the project guiding principles. She continued by showing 6 options on approaches to the Site Layout. These options brought up issues relating to vehicular traffic, surface parking vs structured parking , green space availability, overall building approach and entrance.            These options were further discussed in break out groups.</p>		
<p><b>2.2 ROUND THE ROOM :</b> We went around the room and everyone introduced themselves with a brief statement about where they were from and why they were in attendance. There were community groups represented and many residents from the neighborhood.</p>		
<p><b>2.3 GROUP BREAK OUTS:</b>            The meeting broke into 5 smaller groups. Each group discussed further the 6 site options. The groups tried to review the Pros and Cons of each scheme and determine which ones they favored.            A designated community member from each groups reported back to everyone about their discussions. Quick summary below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 5: favored options 1 and 3 because they had more underground parking and left more green space available. They felt that more access to the surrounding roads was better for overall vehicular flow.</li> <li>• Group 4 : This group was trying to minimize the impact on Heritage and have</li> </ul>		

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<p>no entrance on Parker. They didn't like opening up the paper street. They favored option 2. They suggested an exterior running track and roof garden.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 3 : This group eliminated options 5 and 6 right away – these were too much surrounding surface parking and felt like strip malls. They were too much of what the site is now – full of parking. They liked option 1 best and 2 second best.</li> <li>• Group 2 : This group didn't want to open up the paper street. They favored schemes with Green space. They like option 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Group 1: This group was concerned about the entrance off of Arcola possibly needing a light. They didn't want a scheme that allowed cutting through the neighborhood. They were ok with opening up the paper street. They were concerned about the cost of structured parking and some folks no comfortable with the “creepy” factor in some below grade garages. This group didn't have a clear consensus.</li> </ul>		
<p>2.4 <b>FAVORED OPTIONS:</b> Each meeting member was given 3 colored dots – they were asked to put a dot on the scheme they favored on their way out of the meeting. This allowed more of an overall individual opinion. The red dots were their 1 choice, green was second choice and yellow was third. See attachment for the results of this board.</p>		
<p>2.5 <b>MISC:</b> there was a request to add a shelter to the bus stop nearby.</p>		
<p>2.6 <b>WEBSITE UPDATES:</b> The DGS “neighborhood” page has all of the latest Project information. It is located here: <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov">www.montgomerycountymd.gov</a> “Departments” then “General Services” then bottom right “building projects in your neighborhood”. Meeting notes and other Project info will be posted here.</p>		
<p>2.7 <b>NEXT STEPS:</b> Updates on the design progress with occur with the community as the process moves along. Given the summer schedules of most community members, the next update will be in the Fall.</p>		

**Upcoming Meetings:  
Community update – Fall 2013**

**Attachments: Sign-in Sheet ( 4 pages), Board with colored dots ( 1 page)**

**Total Pages : 7**

The purpose of these minutes is to establish a clear understanding of pertinent discussions held during the meeting by those in attendance. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. Should anyone in attendance take exception to any portion of these minutes, notification must be received by Grimm + Parker Architects within 7 days after issuance. If no exceptions are taken, these minutes will stand as part of the formal project record.

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