

**The Dunbarton Town Hall & Theatre Restoration Project (DTHTRP)**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 17, 2014

**Trustees Present:**

Tiffany Dodd, Chair/Treasurer Shelley Westenberg, Secretary Clement T. Madden
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**Guests Present:** Dennis Mires, Architect

David Baer and Geoff Lemay, Construction Managers

*Motions made:* None

-The Trustees met with the Project Architect and Construction Managers in order to give feedback on the preliminary sketch given by the Architect after having had some time to examine the sketches further and after having shown them to some of the construction advisors. The following was the feedback given to the design team:

- The overall feeling was that the addition looks too ornate, and does not capture the elegant simplicity of the existing building. The glass extension may look too modern. We don't want it to look too 'grand.' Dennis Mires remarked that he will take the notes, and also that, once the 3D rendering of the sketch is accomplished, we will better be able to judge the scale of the addition.
- Both bathrooms need to be on the second floor, so as to allow for the use of the downstairs foyer as a meeting space.
- The extra room in the northwest corner of the second floor will be left alone and designated as the storage space for tables and chairs.
- There is substantial concern regarding run-off from the building if regarding takes place. The architect and CMs agreed that the civil engineer's job is to make sure that, if anything, there will be an improvement in the amount of run-off now experienced.

-Dennis Mires stressed that what we are accomplishing is actually and technically a "Rehabilitation" of the building, as opposed to a "Renovation." The term "Rehabilitation" carries its own less stringent standards that must be adhered to from the Secretary of the Interior.

-Dennis Mires' team mechanical engineer is reviewing the study done by WV Engineering Associates.

-A discussion regarding the wall of the basement where the addition will meet the back of the building revealed that plans might include removing that wall and providing enough infrastructure to allow for a minimal, climate-controlled space in the basement. The rest of the basement has too low a ceiling to allow for any occupiable space.

-Geothermal was discussed an option which is not viable, as it is extremely expensive and takes a hugely long time for payout.

\*\*\*\*\*These minutes have not yet been officially approved\*\*\*\*\*