



BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Development Services Building
150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

Meeting Summary
Oak Lodge and Gladstone Community Project
Gladstone Community Library Planning Task Force
Wednesday, December 18th, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Gladstone Senior Center
1050 Portland Ave.
Gladstone, OR 97027

APPROVED

Task Force Members Present: Debrah Bokowski, Kristi Haller-Shaffer, Laurene McClintock, Lisa O'Brien, Nancy Turner, Margaret Bertalan, Nancy Eichsteadt, Lani Saunders, Natalie Smith, Beverly Chase, Leslie Shirk, Libby Spencer

Task Force Members Not Present: Todd Anslow, Oscar Haugen

Staff and Officials Present: Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement (JLA); Jennifer Hoffman, Jim Kalvelage, Opsi Architecture; Ray Johnston, Johnston Architecture; Laura Zentner, BCS Director; Scott Archer, Director NCPRD; Greg Williams, BCS Deputy Director; Mitzi Olson, Director, Gladstone and Oak Lodge Libraries; Jacque Betz, City Administrator, City of Gladstone; Liz Lawson Weber, Administrative Specialist, BCS; Kathryn Krygier, Project Manager

An audio recording of this meeting is available on the Clackamas County website:
<https://www.clackamas.us/communityproject#meetingsandagendas>

The meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

Task Force Chair, Lisa O'Brien welcomed the task force and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Meeting minutes from November 6th, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Kathryn noted Oscar Haugen had only attended one meeting and he should officially be removed from the task force. Task force members agreed. Kathryn suggested members should reach out to friends and neighbors to find a replacement.

Lisa asked the Task Force members to share their takeaways from the recent project open house held at the Concord Property on November 16th, 2019. One member shared how pleased they were with the turnout but it seems there were mostly people from the Oak Lodge neighborhood in attendance. Lisa acknowledged this and reminded the group there would be more opportunities in the future for outreach in the City of Gladstone. Ideas on how best to reach out to the residents of the City of Gladstone and future venues for community gatherings were discussed.

Community Engagement

Brandy Steffen presented the preliminary feedback from the community engagement event on November 16th and survey results. The survey numbers were reviewed with the number of online and printed submissions received. Brandy reviewed the demographics from the community event and survey including programming rankings. Her presentation can be found at <https://www.clackamas.us/meetings/communityproject/oakgladproj>

Programming Discussion (based on community engagement)

Jennifer Hoffman introduced the additional design team members: Jim Kalvelage, partner at Opsis Architecture and Ray Johnston, partner at Johnston Architecture. The tasks force discussed the library uses with the consultants. Topics are summarized here:

Library Community Space

- Community Gathering – teens use the library significantly – it is one of the few places where they can walk to and hang out
- Love flexible space – needs to serve many uses
- Program data – design team is absorbing now
 - This is a chance for Gladstone Library to “tune up” collection
 - Collection is packed – it has high volume of material – choices need to be made about how book stacks are arranged and ordered – moving material and accessibility of getting to material is easier
- Mystery Book Club meeting in the teen room is not ideal – author visits difficult in teen room – conflicts arise
- Crucial to have an area to use for author nights, community meetings, functions – this may require moveable bookshelves – author visit size can range from 6-30 people – accommodating 50 people would be nice
- Cozy lounge area could be used for meeting area when library is closed – need multi-purpose spaces without impinging on other areas
- Oregon City got rid of a lot of their books – feedback has been negative about that
- Would like flexible shelving, but not too tall
- Community Room availability at new City Hall – likely will hold 50+
 - Do consider a smaller meeting room
 - 25 person group seems adequate
 - Smaller meeting space that is always available would be better than not to be able to scheduling issues
 - Certain meetings are most convenient in the library – may also work better for other age group – could work for story time and clubs
 - Author groups like libraries spaces for events
 - Also understand that Oak Lodge will have the ability to host meeting space.
- Tutoring Space for very small groups (2-3) important
 - Private – doesn't have to have a door but would be nice to have private
 - 2-4 person meeting rooms desirable by many groups – having privacy (for example study rooms) is important
- Priority of Space
 - Common space should be a priority
 - Reference is a diminishing collection
 - Quantify the number of seats
 - Study tables for 2 - 4 people

- Want the opportunities to provide for used books – Twice Told Tales (Friends of the Library) generates money back to the library
- Combined Areas
 - Wouldn't want to combine some areas such as adult and children's area
 - Movable shelves in the children's area which can accommodate story time (push shelves away)
- Children's Area
 - Accommodation for motor-skill development for smaller children desirable
 - Multiple ways to accommodate children of different ages
- Outdoor Areas
 - Have a space off the children's area – for outside voices and seating
 - Multiple ways for people to go outside (not just kids) – would need to be enclosed – don't leave the library but leave the building
 - Consider what is available with leftover space
 - Bike areas important – security important
 - Benches are used for smoking or sleeping
- Art
 - Will need to be managed
 - Integrate art into the building
 - Donor recognition could be integrated into building
 - Permanent collection / rotating collection managed by galleries
 - Artist in residence is a possibility
 - School art could be integrated into the building
 - Local arts – rotating collection of local art
 - Think about Gladstone Tree as inspiration for doors
- Fundraising
 - Art opportunities – think about it now
 - Meeting rooms – larger program pieces
 - Smaller donors – bricks, tile
- Technology
 - Chromebooks can be checked out but patrons still need places for people to sit
 - Need for desktops is minimizing
- Design
 - Consider character of Gladstone – Fire Station, service station, restored spaces – modern vs. cozy – use of materials important – needs to fit into the surrounding context
 - Gladstone has a remarkable, welcoming scale to it
- Planning for the future
 - Yes - don't shut the door to expansion down the road
- Other
 - ADA issues with a loft space

Jacque Betz reminded the group that there would be a community room available in the new Gladstone City Hall. Jim suggested this is an important issue when planning the new library space.

Public Comment

Michael Milch asked about the possibility of a loft space in the new library. Ray Johnston noted that ramps take up a lot of space – 12 feet (horizontally) is needed for every one foot of vertical rise and that that takes up a lot of space, unfortunately.

Next Steps

Kathryn reminded the group there is no meeting in January and that the task force will be meeting on February 5th at Concord. Kathryn reviewed upcoming community events for both Concord Property and Gladstone (location TBD) in February. Dates coming soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm

Next Task Force Meeting: February 5, 2020

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Concord Property
3811 SE Concord Road, Oak Grove