



Comments from Concept Presentation to General Public

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There were about 40 to 45 people in attendance for Dan Meehan's presentation of the concept design for the new Newton Public Library. Dan showed a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the process used to date, key points from the focus groups, design themes, Site Plan, Floor Plan, and several exterior illustrations.

The following comments were from the general public at a question and answer session at the end of the presentation. The comments are in no particular order.

1. Consider what could be done with the memorials (Veteran's memorial) that are currently in the existing library, and how they will be incorporated into the Project.
2. Consider how the historic features in the park could be incorporated into the Project.
3. Consider wireless technology for the building.
4. Consider how water runoff from the roofs will be handled at the northeast corner of the Project.
5. Consider the visual appearance of the heavy timber at the main wall looking into the park.
6. Consider more than one family restroom in the children's area.
7. Consider the size of the old park versus the new park.
8. Consider the mostly solid east wall being unattractive from the street.
9. Consider LEED certification for the building.
10. Consider storm protection areas in the building.
11. Consider more shade trees in the parking lot.
12. Consider the location of the children's outdoor playground and the relationship with the street.
13. Consider the size of the outdoor performance area.
14. Consider how expansion will occur in the future.
15. Consider how exterior glass will be cleaned.
16. Will the building have an automatic fire sprinkler system?
17. Were other potential sites considered once the decision to build new was made?
18. Consider a different structural system for the roof?
19. What is the cost benefit of rehabilitating the existing library versus building new?
20. Consider that the "Y" heavy timbers along the west-facing glass wall are disturbing in appearance.
21. Consider how snow removal will be handled and whether additional sidewalks will need to be added.
22. Consider the window tinting along the west-facing glass wall.
23. Consider additional parking lot lighting.
24. Consider the sound inside the library when an outdoor concert is taking place.
25. Consider after-hours use of the library and how parts of the library may be locked off.

26. Consider the exterior finish materials of stone versus brick.
27. Consider where coats can be hung and a package drop-off area.
28. Consider the types of mechanical systems that will be used for the building.
29. Consider if there are enough study rooms in the library and the size.
30. Consider the proportions of the front entry—too tall—make it lower and wider.
31. Consider where the books go for the Friends of the Library.
32. Consider a roof element that more closely resembles the pitched roof over the train instead of a flat roof.

Reported by Mac McKee, Executive Vice President

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