

Minutes from the Randall Building Committee for the Restoration of the 2nd Floor Historic Interior

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Location: Randall Library

Members Present: Peter McManus, Kathleen O'Brien, Sharon Brownfield, Barbie Wolfenden

Members Absent: Tom Lam, James Salvie, Steve Jelinik

Visitors Preset: Kathleen Pavlechek, Ferzin Engineer, Wendall Kalsow

Notes taken by: Melissa Fournier

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

The meeting was called to as an opportunity to have representatives from McKinley Kalsow and Associates (MKA) present their ideas, drawings and concerns related to their design proposals for the Randall Library 2nd floor historical interior restoration. Wendall Kalsow lead the presentation by going through the firm's proposal drawings (copies of which are now available in the Library Director's office). Key areas of discussion included, variations on the possible redesign of exit doors, multiple design schemes for the staircase leading to the 3rd floor, improvements to the fireplace, paint colors, new lighting, the cleaning and repair of the existing antique rugs in the attic to be used again on the 2nd floor and wood flooring variations. Additional information was presented on the work done by Sara Chase (the Historical Preservationist) on the possible paint colors to be used. Ms. Chase based her color choices on findings from wall samples that that she had taken to indicate some of the original paint colors used in the library. The paint colors presented on Ms. Chase's behalf were of salmon, blue gray, and cream color hues. A discussion followed about these colors. Support of the gray/salmon/cream color scheme was recommended by the MKA team as they felt it would lend an element of historical integrity to the project and while continuing to create an inviting library interior. Mr. Kalsow pointed out that the existing windows are in good condition but will need some insulation updates and minor repairs in order to improve their functionality.

Ferzin Engineer explained the firm's proposals for possible repairs and updates to the fireplace, which included a detailed description of the pros and cons of 3 different gas fireplace variations. A discussion followed between Ms. Engineer, Mr. Kalsow and the Restoration Committee about the fact that the existing Randall Library chimney will be in need of extensive repair with or without any possible updates to the fireplace. The chimney is not currently in good condition and it will have to be rebuilt, and is a "non-optional" item for repair.

Mr. Kalsow has presented his proposal for the 1st floor duct work replacement to Craig Martin of the Stow Building Department. Mr. Martin is currently reviewing it and after he has had time to look more closely into it he will contact Mr. Kalsow and the Restoration Committee with his concerns and/or approval.

MKA will come up will be presenting a timeline for the project by mid-September and will be looking into the costs in more detail in the meantime and will present them at the next meeting of the Restoration Committee. It was recommended that after a presentation of the possible project to the CPC it would be best to seek approval funding at a Spring Town Meeting so that construction work could take place during the winter (which would allow for the possibility of hiring contractor during a season when more might be available and might work to the Town's advantage on the negotiation of possible costs).

Discussion followed as to when the next meeting might take place, with the possibility of late September to early October. Sharon Brownfield will be contacting the Committee members with possible dates.

Sharon Brownfield moved to adjourn the meeting and Peter McManus seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Voted on and approved 11/14/2016