



HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2022
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Attending: Molly Alexander, Sherri Richardson, Jake Carter, Skie O'Mahoney, Micah Erwin, Ed Rivers, and Cynthia Burchfield.

Absent: Barry Barker, Robert Ryland. Absence acknowledged and approved.

Staff: Amy Miller, Community Services Director, Kristina Alvarez, Main Street Manager

Called at 8:31 am by Molly Alexander. Jake Carter arrived at 8:55 am

Public Comment- None.

Minutes: will be provided at a future meeting.

202 Depot Street, new Police Station.

Molly provided a recap of the last meeting police dept application for new construction. Today this application is presented by FGM to address the design items from the November meeting.

Bob shared updated plans: the windows will include spandrels under the windows that are approximately 2' high. These will look like glass from the outside but will be reinforced on the inside with a concrete or brick block. The blocks can be removed in the future to allow for more natural light in the building. The canopy will remain across the front of the building and current plans are for 9 feet depth. The canopy does not have pole supports. The black lines on the front are down spouts from the roof line attached to the building. The entry doors are recessed to keep doors from opening on to the sidewalk and add visual impact.

The shield was move up to the second story to resemble a clock tower. A planter box was added to the entrance to welcome the community and show them they have arrived at the entrance. Brick will remain one color but different 3-dimensional patterns will be used to create visual interest. See picture of 18 N Main St for examples. The board agreed this is more welcoming and less institutional.

The brick will be Elgin brick, but the color has not been determined. Smooth brick is easier to clean than the textured brick. The board is leaning towards red or blond brick, not brown. The board moved outside to look at the bricks on the library (20 years old) and look at the brick samples in natural light. Two colors were marked to consider, Santa Fe was most favored.

Bob presented the notes on the west elevation by Avenue B. The brick will wrap around from the south elevation approximately 10 feet and continue with concrete block with a consistent color. The canopy continues along the west side over the service door and windows. There will be a small, landscaped area between this elevation and the Poth building. This will be a catchment area with some absorption for water runoff (rip rap, which is essentially large granite rocks and plantings) and reduces erosion in the area by slowing down the water movement.

The north elevation faces the alley. It will have the employee entrance and the detainee entrance. The board wants the employee entrance to be welcoming and very recognizable as the entrance. This entrance will have double doors and a canopy similar to the public front entrance on the south elevation.

The board will see this projects again as exterior materials and colors are finalized. The sidewalk will have a gradual slope and should not require handrails. Sidewalks will be presented as separate set of plans.

Ed Rivers moves to approve the elevations presented today by FGMA architects. Jake Carter seconds. Passed unanimously.

Chair Molly Alexander thanked FGMA architects and Bob for their thorough responses to the concerns brought up at the November 30th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder to complete the mandatory open meetings training by January. Amy Miller will send out instructions again.

Adjourned 9:23 am

APPROVED:

ATTEST:
