

V. Design Charette Summary

The Community Design Charette was held over a two-day period, February 18th – 19th 2005. Strong participation from the community made the charette a success.

The following information was shared at the outset of the charette:

Charette Ground Rules

- No decisions have been made or direction established as to what the Irondequoit Public Library facilities or any capital project might contain.
 - Please check any “agendas” at the door.
 - Keep an open mind
- Input and constructive dialogue will be solicited from the Planning Committee and community stakeholders.
- Everybody who wishes to, will be able to provide input.
- No one should be allowed to monopolize the discussion or use it as a personal platform.
- Input and criticism should be constructive and helpful, not personal.
- The decision of what, if anything, to present to the community for a vote is the responsibility of the Library Board.
- All “needs” and “wishes” must be balanced to develop the best approach for the Library and the Community. It may not be possible to accomplish everything we might wish.
- Have FUN with the Charette Process!!

Purpose of the Design Charette

The purpose of conducting a Design Charette for this project is to gather input from a representative cross-section of the community, and to brainstorm a variety of possible design solutions in a limited amount of time.

Our Charge

Remembering our charge for this exercise is an important place to start.

We are charged with evaluating four (4) possible facility / design solutions as follows:

- **Renovations** at each of the two (2) existing Branch Library facilities, **without any additions** to existing building square footage.
- **Renovations** at each of the two (2) existing Branch Library facilities, **with additions** to existing building square footage.
- Construction of **two (2) new Branch Library facilities**, at existing sites, or at new sites. Note that specific new sites are NOT to be considered, only parameters for sites (i.e.: required acreage, parking, access, etc.).
- Construction of **one (1) new Library facility**, at a new site. Note that specific new sites are NOT to be considered, only parameters for sites (ie: required acreage, parking, access, etc.).

Goals of the Design Charette

- Brainstorm and develop various DESIGN OPTIONS and opportunities for each of the above-identified scenarios.
- Develop CONCEPT DRAWINGS for each of the above stated evaluations (4).
- Review and discuss scenarios with the Group.
- If time permits, evaluate various options for each possible scenario, and try to establish the “best” from each, to come up with a preferred scheme.
- If time permits, draw the above preferred scheme.

Deliverables From the Design Charette

- At the end of the 2-day session, we expect to have at least one (1) set of concept of drawings for each of the 4 possible facility scenarios.

- These concept drawings will be “rough”, hand drawn, but show the general intent of design solutions.
- We expect each set of concept drawings to contain:
 - Site Plan
 - Indicating potential conceptual site layout and amenities, NOT detailed site design.
 - Floor Plan(s)
 - Roughly indicating general program areas and adjacencies, NOT detailed layouts.
 - Building Elevation(s)
 - Roughly indicating possible massing of the building exterior, and conceptual materials, NOT detailed building materials or intricate architectural details.

Design Charette Results

The following presentation is the result of the community Design Charette.