

**Volga Activity Center Planning Team**  
**Meeting #4**  
**April 12, 2016 7:00 PM**

Members present: David Squires, Jammev Rawden, Mary Bjerke, Julie Leighton, Kelly Trenhaile, Ashley Rentsch, Dave Lorang and Tim Fonder with Banner Associates. Members absent: Bryan Dick, Kelly VanderWal, and Traci Renkly

**NOTE: All materials and drawings discussed during the meetings are available at <http://www.volgacity.com/2163/Activity-Center-Planning-Team>**

Review of last meeting

- Narrowed down to two options, #1 and #4 from preliminary drawings
- Made minor modifications to both designs

Option 1

- Also Option 1 from preliminary drawings
  - o Adjusted family toilet room
  - o Added a hallway between the meeting room and the multipurpose room
  - o Breakout area in the middle with storage on the sides
  - o Central breakout area could hold bleachers
  - o Precast walls would be approximately 25-30 feet tall
  - o Shed-type roof off back toward patio
  - o Multipurpose room is 70 X 100
  - o Approximately 8' track around multipurpose room
  - o Approximately 15,500 total square feet

Option 2

- Option 4 from preliminary drawings
  - o The main modification was the breakout area in the middle with storage on both sides
  - o Almost everything else stayed the same
  - o Orange area on outside indicates mulch and landscaping instead of just grass
    - This will help to separate private area from public area
  - o Multipurpose room is 70 X 110
  - o Approximately 17,000 total square feet

General Considerations

- Budget is figured on square feet, not necessarily the number of corners
- Option 2 is a longer building
- Option 1 would be very close to pool bath house
- Option 2 is more open
- Square footage could easily be made smaller in Option 2 in order to be more comparable in size to Option 1

- The addition of the patio area replaces what we are taking away from that area (park shelter, green space)
- Need to add a coat area to Option 2
- Lobby large enough to set up registration tables, portable reception areas
  - o Could look at adding a permanent reception area in the future if needed

#### In Option 2

- Coat area possibly along the wall opposite the large conference room
- Storage – consider charging a fee so groups are mindful of what they are storing in the rooms
  - o This may decrease/eliminate clutter. Clutter is a potential fire hazard
- Possibly rearrange storage near the kitchen to open up that area
- Push out large conference room to allow for windows on either side
- Service road may not need to go all the way back, possibly just to the end of the mechanical room
- Vestibule in Lobby entrance
  - o Energy efficiency
- Double Doors
- Could squeeze square footage off the west wall
- Basketball hoops
  - o Mounted up
    - Less storage space
    - One currently in the auditorium could possibly be reused

#### Floor Plan Consensus

- Future drawings should include more definition to the walking track to make this known to the public
- Option 2 is the most versatile, bang for your buck
- Round corners for walking track
- Go with Option 2 and possibly decrease square footage

#### Exterior

- Concept A
  - o Brick Surface
  - o Tree-like structures rather than a canopy
    - more abstract
    - focal points that draw interest
  - o Visor-type timber structure on front of building, not a roof, a cosmetic feature
  - o Rubber Membrane roof
    - No rocks
    - Rocks make it more difficult to locate leaks
    - Glued down, fully adhered
    - Seams are reinforced with an extra piece
    - 15-20 year warranty, lasts approximately 30 years
    - Quality can depend on contractor that installs it

- Lighting?
    - This detail will be considered at a later time
- Concept 2A
  - Would have glass along north wall
  - Tree structures
    - Could have some type of lighting in these structures
    - How would these stand up to snow?
      - Would need to be designed with this in mind
    - Possibly an awning-type structure would work better than these
- Concept B
  - Slanted look on entry
  - Lots of windows
  - Angled roof would possibly be tin
  - Would have to consider ice, snow, water etc.
- Concept C
  - Visual appeal
  - More nature-like
  - Looks more like it belongs in the park
  - No question where entrance is
  - This design does the best job of being compatible with the environment
  - Need to re-configure based on Option 2 floorplan
  - Would appeal to more people
  - Would need to consider enough overhang to keep people out of the elements as far as possible up to the parking lot
  - Heated sidewalks?
    - Budget may not allow for this

#### Exterior Consensus

- Go with Concept C and reconfigure based on Floor Plan Option 2

#### General considerations

- Storm Shelter
  - Volga HRC and FEMA – possible funding available
  - Emergency Generator
    - Possibly HRC could look at funding
- New activity center would most likely be the “emergency command center” for City services in the event of a disaster or emergency
- Site Plan
  - Parking area possibly north of pool in existing cul-de-sac area.
  - 2 parking lots need to be considered.
- City will need to have a new place to haul snow (currently use the parking lot)

**Next Meeting: 6:30 PM April 26 – Meet at the City Park to walk the site.**

**Presentation to City Council will most likely be at May 16 meeting**