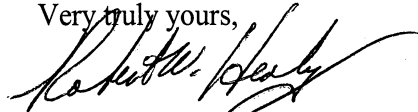


The notes from the second meeting reflect the Committee's representation of what they expect to see in the new Library, and those perceptions are being used as one of the many criteria for the final design, but for now, the simple "massing" of the overall building form.

That will be the substance of our next meeting, and you are all welcome to come and participate, and/or we can present the possible schemes to you, at a City Council Sub-Committee meeting if you wish.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

September 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please accept the following information as an update on the Library Project:

Since April of this year when the City signed the agreement for Library Design Services, the architectural team of William Rawn and Ann Beha have assembled their design group and begun the process of developing the plans for our Library Expansion Project at the Broadway site.

Various team consultants have worked on existing conditions surveys of the Main Library's exterior walls and roof surfaces, its interior structural framework, the paint and plaster of the interior walls and ceilings (as was done here at City Hall - the same architect, Ware & Van Brunt, designed both buildings,) and are nearly completed an exhaustive inventory of the landscaping around the Library, High School, and Joan Lorenz Park. The Program consultant has, through an extensive review and re-programming effort, confirmed that the program from 1995 has not significantly increased from the results projected by both the Cohen study and the findings of the Library 21 Committee.

In June, an 18-member Design Advisory Committee of residents and City Staff with a representation of the City-wide community was appointed. The Committee, co-chaired by the Deputy City Manager and the City's Project Director, has had two public meetings thus far. On Thursday, September 12th, they will have their third meeting - in Sakey Hall at the Main Library - and will have presented to them by the architects three to four possible approaches to the expansion plan.

At the Committee's last meeting, the Architects presented a design history of the building and its site, taking them back through time to when the Library was first envisioned. The design team demonstrate how the site was planned, how it was modified through street closings and building demolition, how the High School evolved, and where we are today.

The spiral-bound booklet you received shows the illustrations that were presented to the Committee and used as a basis for discussing what the Library meant to them and what they envisioned the Library Expansion Project to be for the overall Cambridge Community as we move forward into the 21st century. Notes were taken at each meeting and are included in the presentation booklet. It is our intention to update the booklet as we proceed through the project and thereby maintain a complete record of the developmental process.

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Update on the Library Project.

In City Council September 9, 2002

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