

WAA Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from WAA Board Meeting Monday, March 25, 2024.

Not present: Paige Boller, Krystyana Czeiner, Patty Fogle

Daphne: Welcomed Darryl Wright to his first board meeting and then gave a brief history of the Association from early in the 20th Century to its move in 1955 to its present location. She then introduced Lisa Gray (principal) and Seth Lauderdale (associate) from GOA (formerly Gray and Organschi), the architectural firm that is proceeding with designing a new building.

Lisa presented a concept design based on the constraints and opportunities of the existing site, assuming the building will come down. The prime features of the new design include extending the building north (which will require capturing 5 or 6 existing parking spaces from the town), eliminating the second floor, using the existing basement for mechanicals, minimizing the present wetland issues near the stream, eliminating any access to the building on the east wall (traffic and safety concerns as described by the fire department), and highlighting the south facing roofs of the 4 pitched roofs as hosting solar panels while offering the north roofs' windows for "north light" for the art studios. She noted that the concept design resulted in a structure not as tall as the fire station, will use environmentally considered materials and will yield 2000 more square feet than the existing building.

Lisa and Seth left and the board continued to discuss the concept design.

Woody - emphasized that the concept design can be revised, estimated cost could vary from \$500 up per square foot (estimated at 5600 square feet). The next phase, once the concept design (\$25,000) has been approved, will cost \$75,000.

Darryl - emphasized the need to get town approval from the various town departments before we commit to proceeding. He offered to work with the board and the various town departments to get this done.

Pamela - asked about a new building that offered no additional teaching space, noting that our classes produce the most revenue. The "media room" which sits between the ceramic and art studio is perhaps unnecessary at this time and could provide enough space to expand the concept designed art studio into two studios.

Daphne - argued for the "media room," noting that it could attract a younger audience.

Rod - suggested we consider the Norman Sunshine Center for additional studio space. He questioned how much it would cost to make the building usable.

Kenise - wanted to know how the board will pass along suggestions to GOA.

Joe - made a motion (passed) to plan another meeting. At 6:50pm the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Jackson, Secretary