

B'nai Havurah

Notes from Community Input Sessions on Facility Renovation, 9/29/2018

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First, Tim provided an overview and summary of assumptions and design details. The following questions were posed and answered.

- What about number of bathrooms?
  - There will be 2 ADA bathrooms near the sanctuary, plus remodeled bathrooms that are now in the north hallway near the current classrooms.
- What about shade?
  - Inside the building the newer windows will provided UV filtering to the sunlight that comes into the building.
  - There will be shades to darken the room when required for video viewing etc.
  - The outside space shade can be determined by the plantings that are used
- What will be the visibility of the children's play space in the outside garden area?
  - Note the "thick fence" surrounding the garden area, to protect the space
  - Visibility will be through the doors created by expanding the current windows along the outside walls
  - Also may want to have teacher outside during student play time
- Will we be closing the Ohio Street entrance?
  - Yes, the entrances will be on Locust Street and from the parking lot.
  - Day to day usage of entrances will predominantly be from the parking lot
  - Both entrances are visible from the reception desk
- What will be the maximum seating?
  - The current design allows for 220 "comfortably"
  - If the back wall is moved, then probably 300+, maybe a maximum of 400?
  - In order to seat 500, it would take about 2/3 of the total building.
- Security of the building that has "12 entrances" based on the doors in the floorplan
  - There would only be 3 entrances that are considered fire exits, and that would be labelled as such (entrances on Locust and Parking Lot, plus emergency exit in NW corner)
  - Patio doors would not be designed or signed to be exits.
  - There would be emergency exit information posted in each classroom
  - The emergency egress plan is required for a permit to build
  - Other doors can be locked during times that they are not in use
- What about access to the administrative area during Sunday School, etc.?
  - Curtained areas might be tempting for students to play "hide and seek"
  - Design might change to use fixed panels
  - Still investigating area details for Kate and Becky
- What about the neighborhood impact of changing the entrance to Locust Street?
  - We have a good relationship with the assisted living facility on Locust
  - The other structures on that block of Locust are commercial (car repair/sales) and multi-tenant (townhouses) that are used to sharing parking

- What about creating the classroom next to the sanctuary (in the current library space) so that it can be opened to allow expansion for larger sanctuary space?
  - Noted as a possibility
- What about 10 to 15 years later – “things break”, what about durability of sliding doors, other features
  - That’s a good thing to think about – there will be use of similar materials throughout the facility to setup a situation where replacement parts are not unique.
  - May end up with more fixed walls and also maybe lockable sliding doors to provide more security and protection
- What about “green” issues: gardens, building etc.
  - The gardens should be planted with Xeriscape materials, native grasses not lawn, timers for any watering needed
  - There will be new insulation for the roof, other energy efficiencies. Note that we are now spending about \$2,000 per month for heating and cooling – we expect to reduce that
- There was concern about security and noise from Ohio Street, especially because of the proposed rollup door on that side.
  - It’s possible that we will not include that feature. It is not as sound proof as a regular wall, if we are concerned about noise.
- How big is the classroom that is located roughly in the space of the current library?
  - It is about 1/3 larger than the current library.
- With the bookshelves on wheels and spread along the west wall (and more?) we need to have a central space for checkout, and possibly other library services
  - We should consider how to make it easy in the final design