



BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 21, 2009

AGENDA
6:00 P.M.

CENTRAL LIBRARY
2090 KITTREDGE STREET

The Board of Library Trustees may act on any item on this agenda.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comments on the following agenda item only
(15-minute time limit, with speakers allowed 2 minutes each)
- C. Approval of agenda

II. DESIGN TEAM INTERVIEWS

- A. Interviews for Architectural Services for the Renovation and Expansion of the Claremont Branch Library
Library Director introduces each architectural team and lead architects from the following consultants: Gelfand Partners with Studio Urbis, Gould Evans Baum Thornley Inc. and Mark Cavagnero Associates with Karin Payson Architecture + Design. Architectural team presentation; BOLT/Team questions and answers; and possible follow-up direction to staff.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees

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DESIGN TEAM INTERVIEWS

July 21, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees

FROM: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services

SUBJECT: INTERVIEWS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CLAREMONT BRANCH LIBRARY

INTRODUCTION

The three most highly qualified firms making proposals for design services will be introduced, make a presentation and be interviewed by the board.

FISCAL IMPACT

Voters approved the sale of \$26M in bonds to finance the renovation, expansion, and make seismic and access improvements at four neighborhood branch libraries. Architectural design services are included in the estimated soft costs, preceding construction of the Claremont Branch Library renovation and expansion project.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Following board approval in December 2008 to begin implementation of the branch renovation program staff worked with the City's Purchasing Department to release, on June 1, 2009 a Request for Proposals (RFP): *Architectural Services for the Renovation and Expansion of the Claremont Branch Library*. A pre-proposal meeting occurred on June 11, 2009, with responses to questions from possible vendors posted on the City of Berkeley website prior to the closure of the RFP on 2:00 PM, Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

The responses received were numerous and therefore the process has been a highly competitive one. A design review committee, made up of staff, Rene Cardinaux, library consultant and representatives from the community met twice and considered 13 proposals. All firms considered in the proposal process have been contacted regarding their status. The finalists, the three most qualified design teams, are presented to the board for your consideration.

FUTURE ACTION

On Friday, July 22, 2009, the board will convene a Special Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees at 6:00 PM to discuss and evaluate the qualifications of the firms interviewed on July 21, 2009. The trustees will have an opportunity to discuss in-depth the interviews and

proposals, consider background and professional references gathered by staff for each firm, receive information related to any follow-up questions they may have had and finally to rank firms in order of preference. By Wednesday, July 15 at 5:00 PM the finalist will have submitted a sealed project cost quote. Staff will open and evaluate the sealed price quotes and report to the board on July 22, 2009 for consideration in the board ranking of firms by qualifications. Price proposals will be considered in the final decision-making process and will serve as the starting point for contract negotiations, which will occur in a confidential manner with staff.

At the July 22, 2009 meeting, the board may take action approving the rank order of firms interviewed; designate a preference for the firm considered as best meeting the criteria for the project as described in the request for proposals; and instruct the director of library services to negotiate a contract for services. Following contract negotiations staff will bring an action item to the board recommending a scope of services and a not to exceed contract amount with the selected design firm. The board's recommendation will then be brought to the City Council for consideration and action prior to a notice to proceed.

ATTACHMENTS: none.