

IMAGINEIF BIGFORK COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING RE: LOCATION FOR A NEW LIBRARY

JULY 13, 2015, 5:00 PM, COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH, BIGFORK

ImagineIF attendees: Kim Crowley, Connie Behe, Sean Anderson, Annie Leberman, Carolyn Naso (staff); Al Logan, Terry Guidi, Michael Morton (Library Board); Carla Fisher, Ann Biby, Anita Scott, and Sarah Johnson (Library Foundation)

Community attendees: Tom Maxwell, Barbara Maxwell, Gordon Graham, Julie Bonner, Frank Ashley, Tara Harbin, Virginia Gulls, Vince Grillo, Sara Grillo, Victoria Grillo, Robin Maggadino, Joe Maggadino, Mark Langlois, Tom Snyder, Maggie Logan, Gretchen Gates, Donna Lawson, Paul Mutascio, Joe Pastor, Daniel Hollis, Doris Guidi, Sally Finneran, Sally Herndon, Bill Herndon, Michael Close.

Approximately 40 people gathered at the Community Methodist Church in Bigfork to give input on favored aspects of a building site for a new ImagineIF Bigfork library. Followed by a short presentation by library staff members, attendees broke into small groups to discuss attributes of a building site. Each group then reported the top four aspects to the entire group. If ideas did not specifically address the building site/location, they were captured on a separate sheet titled "Exciting Ideas."

The reported ideas are captured below, followed by the entire *Building Site* and *Exciting Ideas* lists. The Library board will use these ideas to inform their choice of a building site. According to the facilities master plan, the site should be a minimum of 3/4 of an acre (buildable) to accommodate a 6,200 sf building with room for parking, landscaping, and future growth.

REPORTED FAVORED ASPECTS OF BUILDING SITE (FROM GROUP PROCESS)

Parking (this was mentioned as a priority by nearly every group)
Close to school, within safe walking distances (this was mentioned as a priority by nearly every group)
Easy access
Outside space
2 story if smaller site
Safe walking; sidewalks
East of HWY 35
High School Building with outdoor entrance
Event space, indoor and outdoor
Room for growth
Book drop drive up
Close to post office/ballpark
Centrally located for library users as referenced in Facilities Master Plan
Utilities on site
Single level
Visibility
Affordability
Landscaping reflects community values
Space for multiple use
Minimum 1 acre site

Ingress/egress
Easy-to-build-on site
Future expansion
Adequate square footage for services
Landmark appearance

REPORTED EXCITING IDEAS

Afterschool space for kids; partnership with A.C.E.S.
Space for seniors and all ages
Multimedia for all ages
Location: quiet contemplative
Workshops, classes, ongoing education
Food court
Flexible hours, more hours
Adequate staffing
Covered outdoor area
Space for outdoor education—demonstration garden, etc.
Daylight basement for meeting room space
Community space
Espresso bar
Cheater glasses
Audio booth
More large print and audio
Hands-on activities, interactives
Quiet room
Consistency with ImagineIF (more programming, self-directed experiences)
Outside access to meeting room
Windows
Rocking chairs
Massage chair
Tech training room
Kitchen

BUILDING SITE (FULL LIST)

Paragraph breaks delineate ideas from each group.

Access—lots of parking (possible public transportation in future)
Drive up for book drop
Nice for walking from school/reasonable distance from school
Visibility—easy to find
Doors able to open to outdoor area
Outdoor area large enough for green space
Loading zone
Room for growth
Space for events both indoors and outdoors
Room for and/or access to food, drink, café

Visibility—promotes use
Not on existing park space or ballfields

Parking, parking!!
Bicycle friendly—easy access
Large enough space to accommodate outdoor activities—landscaping that fits community values
Affordable land
Close enough to schools for students to easily access
Space for multiple use
Adequate acreage to accommodate a building large enough to meet needs
Building needs to be large enough to accommodate a variety of age groups and needs

Walking distance to other destinations/facilities (retail, food, banking)
Single level facility with space for different uses
Accessible—people can find it easily, schools can access the library safely and conveniently
Parking that is able to serve the population on and off season
Ability to have outdoor programming
Site that has utilities in place or readily accessible to utilities

1 acre site
Close to school and downtown
Convenient access—ingress/egress
Flexibility of future expansion
Bike user friendly
Limit areas for outdoor space vs. needs of built program
Need sufficient space for parking!!

Parking
Close to school (within safe walking distance)
Outside space
2-story (space) to accommodate smaller site (elevators, etc., more \$s)
Friendly to seniors
Not isolated from merchants, services, etc.
Landscaping
Location at school?
Visibility from street
Easy access

Must be close to school, ease of access for children
East of HWY 35, safety, avoid HWY crossing from town
Cost: donation, Bond \$s

Parking
Walking distance to Bigfork schools (no crossing highway)
Outside of Village
Rural setting with views
Not a heavily trafficked area
Room for outdoor activities
Centrally located for library users
Easy in/out access
Utilities on site
Adequate signage for visibility

EXITING IDEAS (FULL LIST)

Meeting room access separate from library entrance—more access for after hours

Windows!

Rocking chairs

Space to sell used books

Hands-on activities

Interactive areas

Workshops and classes

Expanded hours

Distinctive architectural element (i.e., sculpture or signage)

Share parking with other entity

Multimedia for all age groups

Interactive

Community meeting place—event interaction

Courtyard space

Workshop classes for continuing education

More large print books and audio books

Audio booths (to preview materials??)

TED talks

Community room and conference rooms

Quiet room

More computer bays

Good HVAC

Espresso bar and snacks

Cheater glasses and thumb drives

Increase programs for children and adults in Bigfork

Public meeting room

Room for a book club

Environment conducive to reading

Community meeting space

Kitchen facilities

Learning rooms

Quiet reading lounge

Audio/visual facilities

Useable outdoor space for library use

SUGGESTED PROPERTIES

The following are actual sites suggested by attendees.

Next to post office/ball field; everyone goes to post office

South end of Harvest Food—Chamber building

In high school building with outdoor entrance = save taxpayer \$s

Property between HWY 35 & Her Alibi: close to school, adequate parking, access to downtown Bigfork

Property between Bigfork Inn and Bigfork Frame shop: easy walking access, close to downtown

Ichabod Lane, west of Potoczny Field

Questions regarding the meeting or the process to select a site can be directed to the Library Board Facilities Committee:

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