BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

January 28, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Quiet Reading Room

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Introductions/Public Comment

IV. New Business
   A. Approve Firms to be Interviewed for Request For Qualifications for Needs Assessment, Programming, Site Analysis and Conceptual Design
   B. Approve Dates for Interviews
   C. Determine Protocol for Interviewing Process
   D. Approve Selection Process for Final Firm Selection

V. Adjournment

Posted: 01/22/15 3:00 p.m.

Qualifications-Based Ranking

Bloomington Public Library Boar

RFQ for Library Needs Assessment, Program
and Conceptual Design for the Bloomingtor

Firm	Total Score
Farnsworth	21
Nagle Hartray Architecture	20
Ratio Architects	17
Studio GC	14
Product A&D	13
Cordogan, Clark & Associates	12
BLDD Architect	8
Ament Inc.	0
Wright & Associates	0

Comments	Score	Board Member
Total Score: 0		

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My first two choices have offices in Bloomington. I view this as a positive factor since it should mean that they would have local knowledge about the current location of the library and the area surrounding it. In addition to the local knowledge, my first two choices would probably be well acquainted with some of the staff at the City of Bloomington who would necessarily be involved in working through the issues relating to the expansion of the current facility or the construction of a new facility South of the current location of the Library Building.	4	Bill Wetzel
	2	Whitney Thomas
They submitted a respectable proposal, but not an outstanding one. They have been in business for over 85 years, but do not appear to have much experience with public libraries; most of their library projects have been for schools. The photos of their work look good. *None* of their references was from a library director.	1	Jared Brown
This is a distant 5th place for me. The assigned personnel have good experience and there are enough people on the job; experience strikes me as too school-centric; draw significantly upon schools for references; proposal is complete, but not dynamically presented; methodology is a bit thin compared to the top 4; examples of work are a bit institutional and I think we are looking for something more vibrant, dynamic, and aesthetically engaging than what their proposal leads me to believe they can provide.	1	Emily Kelahan

Total Score: 8

Comments	Score	Board Member
This firm has designed many libraries over the years. Appropriate engineers are part of their team. I admire the work of their "partner" ACHITECTUREISFUN. Their approach to sustainability is admirable. Negative Remarks: Many "typos" in their presentation.	5	Susan O'Rourke
Plenty of personnel with appropriate breadth and depth of experience; wide range of experience including libraries; solid references; complete and really engaging proposal (I especially liked the work they showcased related to teens and kids); clear and detailed methodology.	3	Emily Kelahan
My choices 3 through 5 have no local presence of which I have knowledge and my concern about the three is not so much their capacity to deliver the information we are seeking but, rather, the fact that because they are far removed from Bloomington there would be significant time related issues which would almost assuredly impact the overall cost of obtaining the information.	3	Bill Wetzel
This firm had a great deal of diverse experience as well as a very in depth plan for needs assessment.	1	Brittany Cornell

Total Score: 12

Farnsworth

Evaluation of RFQs for Library Needs Assessment

Comments	Score	Board Member
Farnsworth Group has done previous work at the library and so far as I know the work has been done on time and in accordance with the contract obligations. In addition, Farnsworth Group has a significant engineering component and issues relating to the engineering-related issues in construction South of our current site would be very important, both from the perspective of suitability and, as well, cost.		
My first two choices have offices in Bloomington. I view this as a positive factor since it should mean that they would have local knowledge about the current location of the library and the area surrounding it. In addition to the local knowledge, my first two choices would probably be well acquainted with some of the staff at the City of Bloomington who would necessarily be involved in working through the issues relating to the expansion of the current facility or the construction of a new facility South of the current location of the Library Building.	5	Bill Wetzel
	5	Whitney Thomas
This firm has done work for the Library and the City. They have the engineers that may be required for parts of the work. The methodology proposed is very detailed and lays out a solid approach. I think they understood the scope of the work very well and would be good to work with.	4	Georgia Bouda
They have a 100-year history in Central Illinois that includes a $28 million capital improvement program for 5 libraries in Peoria. They are familiar with the Bloomington Public Library and its processes. They have also worked with ISU, IWU, the town of Normal, the city of Bloomington, etc. Their staff consists of 422 (??) people, 156 of whom have professional licenses and 50 of whom are LEED accredited. They will review and update the long-range Library Plan and will develop a long-range Visioning Document and alternative building designs.	3	Jared Brown
Plenty of personnel with appropriate breadth and depth of experience; wide range of experience including libraries; solid references covering a broad range; complete proposal; thorough and detailed explanation of methodology, but a bit dry and static. Falls below top 3 only in terms of dynamism and vibrancy of designs showcased and manner of presentation. Strike me as solid and reliable, but not as creative as the top 3.	2	Emily Kelahan
This firm had a great deal of experience within the community and thus may be more familiar with Bloomington's needs. They also mentioned a long range plan which will be key to making sure that our library expansion lasts.	2	Brittany Cornell

Total Score: 21

Evaluation of RFQs for Library Needs Assessment

Nagle Hartray Architecture

Comments	Score	Board Member
This firm demonstrated an in depth understanding of community oriented design and community input. They also had a great deal of library experience.	5	Brittany Cornell
Fewer people assigned than other firms, but all are very qualified, and there might be an advantage to working with a smaller number at this point in our process; they don't have as much library experience as some other firms, but the experience they have is with relatively urban libraries in established neighborhoods like ours (the Oak Park and Evanston libraries strike me as particularly good experience and represent the kind of facilities we should aspire to); solid references; very complete proposal; impressive description of methodology	4	Emily Kelahan
For a smallish firm, they have done much library work. They work regularly with their contracted engineering firm and focus on sustainability. I admire the work of their "partner" ARCHITECTUREISFUN. Negative Remarks: 1. Need to sign page 20. 2. What type of organization are they?	4	Susan O'Rourke
	4	Whitney Thomas
I have been in all of the libraries that they used for their references and like the design of all of them. It is important to design for the work that will be done in the library as well as the aesthetics. Their methodology was well thought out and fits the scope of work.	2	Georgia Bouda
My choices 3 through 5 have no local presence of which I have knowledge and my concern about the three is not so much their capacity to deliver the information we are seeking but, rather, the fact that because they are far removed from Bloomington there would be significant time related issues which would almost assuredly impact the overall cost of obtaining the information.	1	Bill Wetzel

Total Score: 20

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I was initially skeptical about this proposal, but as I read their submission, I became ultimately quite impressed. They have a very small company, but have worked with 34 public libraries (they specialize in library projects), their recommendations are quite enthusiastic, and the photos are very impressive. We need to solicit the opinions of Georgia Bouda, Bill Wetzel and the Normal Public Library.	4	Jared Brown
This firms methodology seemed to be more "outside the box" and thus will bring knowledge of items that may not have been addressed before. They also have a great deal of experience with "non traditional" libraries.	4	Brittany Cornell
This is a smaller firm that we have worked with when we redid the layout of the Adult Services area. They specialize in libraries and I am sure would do an excellent job. They have worked with many libraries and their photos show the quality of their work.	3	Georgia Bouda
A small firm but with much library experience. Minority owned. They have an existing contract with the Engineers they will use. They appear, also, to focus on sustainability. Negative Remark: 1. No sexual harassment policy/statement.	1	Susan O'Rourke
	1	Whitney Thomas

Total Score: 13

Evaluation of RFQs for Library Needs Assessment

Ratio Architects

Comments	Score	Board Member
I do not believe we could go wrong with this firm. Cover material was excellent; the firm is familiar with Bloomington; they have a diverse group of employees; their illustrations were outstanding; many of their staff members have written publications and have significant experience, including a number of public and university libraries.	5	Jared Brown
Plenty of personnel with appropriate breadth and depth of experience; wide range of experience including libraries; solid references supplemented by contact information for each project profile page; very complete proposal with many examples of work; dynamic, clear explanation of methodology with great informatics	5	Emily Kelahan
They have much library experience and use a Library Consultant. They shared many photos of their library work and use a variety of building styles and lighting methods. They built "Uptown Station" and the Miller Park Playground, both of which I admire. They also have appropriate engineers on their team and focus on sustainability.	3	Susan O'Rourke
This firm has a collaborative engagement process that seemed to really be inclusive of the community. This is very important in our process.	3	Brittany Cornell
This was a very well done proposal. I was very impressed by their methodology, but not as much by the photos of the libraries they had worked with.	1	Georgia Bouda

Total Score: 17

BPL Architect Vote Summary

Voter	Ament	BLDD	Cordogan	Fransworth	Nagle	Product	Ratio	Studio	Wright
Bill	XXX	4	3	5	1	XXX	XXX	2	XXX
Brittany	XXX	XXX	1	2	5	4	3	XXX	XXX
Emily	XXX	1	3	2	4	XXX	5	XXX	XXX
Georgia	XXX	XXX	XXX	4	2	3	1	5	XXX
Jared	XXX	1	XXX	3	XXX	4	5	2	XXX
Susan	XXX	XXX	5	XXX	4	1	3	2	XXX
Whitney	XXX	2	XXX	5	4	1	XXX	3	XXX
Not Voting:									
Cathy									
Monica									
Narendra									