

**Plainfield Public Library District
Building & Expansion Planning
Public Meeting
October 8, 2015**

Attending were 11 members of the public. Trustees Lisa Schmidt, Jason Puetz and Dr. Patricia Miller were also present.

Don MacKay and Eric Penney of Nagle Hartray Architects presented the latest exterior elevations, including a video “fly-by,” site plan and floor plans, as well as a study of the local details of the brick/design work found on buildings on Lockport Street in the downtown area.

- One person raised concern about where the stairs end up being on the third floor—they appear to be closer to Route 59 rather than centered.
- Concerns regarding the entrance included whether it would be windy and if a revolving door that moves slowly (such as Edward Hospital) might be an option.
- The potential for higher costs because of all the glass was raised.
- A lack of public parking was brought up.
- Overall, this group very much liked the exterior design: discussion centered on liking the softness of the rounded edges of the glass although a few thought the red brick would be better than the paler color shown.
- Storm water retention/design of parking lot/green roof options was discussed.
- One person asked about how to get more people interested in a campaign and how to get them past the “no more taxes” concept.

Library Director Julie M. Milavec asked participants to share any questions they have had or have heard about the project. These will be used for an FAQ document to be distributed in the information campaign.

- How much will it raise my taxes?
- What’s wrong with the current building?
- Why can’t they just add on?
- How much will there be and where will it be?
- How can you expand this building and still have parking?
- “They never have what I’m looking for—it’s always coming from another library.” Why is the collection lacking?
- What is the process if it passes?
- How long will construction take?
- Will the Library have to be closed?
- How long from the passing of the referendum until it opens?
- When would my taxes go up?