

## DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #1

### Cambridge Public Library Main Library Expansion Project Phase 2

Cambridge Senior Center  
April 30, 2003

DAC Members present: Co-Chairs Rich Rossi and Alan Burne; Janet Axelrod, Roger Boothe, Carla Bosco, Ted Carpenter, Margaret Crawford, Alex Duval, Elizabeth Gibb, John Gintell, Arlyne Jackson, Emily Norris, James Roosevelt Jr., Hugh Russell, Lynn Shirey, Charles Sullivan.

#### Process Update by Alan Burne

- Further site-boring will be conducted next week.
- Announced schedule & location of future DAC meetings.
- Schematic design go-ahead given for Scheme 4A given on March 4, 2003.
- Because of high cost of relocating teacher parking, the design team has been asked to revise Scheme 4A in order to leave the existing tennis court parking structure intact. This will entail revising the massing of the Library addition to accommodate the relocation of up to 14,000 sf. This directive will also reduce the size of the new underground garage from 200 spaces to 75-100 spaces. This change will set the schedule back about six weeks.
- Budget for rest of building not affected.
- A Trowbridge Street extension with limited vehicular access may be required if delivery access proves too costly in below grade garage (garage would have to be 3' deeper to accommodate Minute Man trucks) and if another solution is not found.

#### DAC Comments

- *John Gintell:* Would like to see how number of parking spaces is determined.
- *Elizabeth Gibb:* Are there other solutions to the Minute Man truck issue?
- *Rich Rossi:* There are a number of ways to address the Minute Man issue.

#### Public Input

- Will the library require a loading dock? *Alan Burne: I don't think so*
- Could the missing 14,000SF be accommodated in the space of the 60's wing?  
*Alan Burne: That would be too great a departure from Scheme 4A*
- Suggestion: A lot of light & glass in new building, possibly a skylight & growing things
- Does the current solution meet the needs of the library community while maintaining the integrity of the park? *Alan Burne: That's certainly our hope*
- There are people in the neighborhood who think the library is too big anyway and that losing 14,000 sf is a step in the right direction  
*Alan Burne: Over the past decade, 3 separate programming efforts have confirmed this program size to be appropriate.*
- Suggestion: that the alley between the library and the school be connected by a covered pedestrian arcade