06.10.2015 Community Meeting Notes: Program Final Stage

Attendees:
Tappé Architects: Jeffrey Hoover & Amanda Lockwood
Boston Public Library: Christine Schonhart, Sydney Thiel & Priscilla Foley
Property and Construction Management: Alistair Lucks
City Councilor Mark Ciombo
30+ community members

Agenda
Review of 3 options presented at last CAC meeting
Review of initial draft cost estimates
Review of timeline for project – subject to change depending on funding year
Review of collection size for Option 3 – 30,000 – subject to review as project progresses

Community Comments:

Expressed need for exterior to be cleaned
Expressed need for exterior historic preservation and interior historic preservation.

Scope 1: “Light Touch” was expressed by the Community Members to be at bare minimum, an essential need for the Faneuil Branch Library in order to make the Library ADA accessible for all patrons. One attendee does not want the branch exterior or interior to be touched at all. One attendee requested an automatic push-button opener at front door.

Stage
- A suggestion was made to lower the stage in Children’s to floor level. This would eliminate the need to remove existing art deco wall in order to create ADA ramp behind stage for access.
- Desire was stated for a stage that is larger than the current Children’s stage for a Community Gathering place
- A suggestion was made to have a demountable “stage” in the proposed Flex – Program Area shown in the Major Intervention Option

Concerned expressed for adequate heating in proposed Children’s bump out addition as well as proposed Flex – Program area since they both have large areas of window glazing.

**Flex-Program Area**

- Explore a layout for area to show seating capacity/arrangement for Community Meeting –or- presentation using temporary stage
- It was recommended to explore opening the wall from Teens/New Media to Flex-Program Area even more to accommodate a larger gathering space
- It was recommended to explore moving load bearing columns in Flex-Program Area closer to existing building to create an uninterrupted open space.

**Next Steps:**

Finalization of Report to be published online and hard copy in Faneuil Branch Library.

Potential budget request for FY17