

BUILDING PROGRAM FACTS

September, 2005- The Library Board of Trustees, citizens of Carroll, along with consultant, George Lawson, developed a Building Program outlining the space needs of the Carroll Library. *This document may be located on the library's web page.*

March, 2009- FEH Associates are hired as the firm to design the new Carroll Public Library. Their firm designed the current city hall and library and the Carroll Rec Center.

Summer, 2009- a group of citizens representing various Carroll entities and the Library Board of Trustees met with FEH as a site selection committee to determine the type of location to best suit the needs of a new library. After reviewing 20 sites, the prime location was determined to be the Heider building located on 3rd Street. *The complete report of this committee's work is located on the library's website.*

October, 2009- the Carroll City Council accepted the Library Board of Trustees' recommendation of the Heider Building site.

November 5, 2009- FEH met with city officials and representatives of MidAmerican to discuss cost saving energy issues related to the Heider site. Meeting before the design begins allows the architects to use the best windows, heating and cooling systems, lighting, etc. for the most energy efficient building possible. We learned from experts this is an ideal location for a geothermal system which will carry a significant savings over the life of the building. The height of the building would allow systems to be placed inside the structure instead of on top of the roof- another energy saver.

December, 2009- FEH contacted the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assess what types of environmental issues are present at the Heider building and surrounding property.

January 11, 2010- FEH, DNR representative, Mel Pins and city officials met to discuss environmental issues and steps to determine suitability of the site. The following steps will be taken:

Phase I- historical research of what has been on the sites in previous years and what could be potentially hazardous. The city will need to contract with a firm for Phase I, but it is *reimbursed by the DNR.* 60-90 day timeframe.

Phase II- an in-depth study of the area done by the DNR and paid for by them. It may include soil and water samples of the properties. 60-90 day timeframe.

The Library Board of Trustees and the City Council are waiting for these results before FEH begins designs for the building. If the property doesn't work, we won't build there.

After assessing the structure, FEH architects believe the Heider building structure offers a significant cost savings over new construction.

New Time Line

May, 2010- DNR report on contamination and rehabilitation issues of the Heider site. Decision on continuing design process.

June, 2010- Town meetings for input on features of the library design.

August, 2010- FEH will present design and cost estimates to the Trustees and City Council

August- November, 2010- Library Foundation will conduct a feasibility study to determine public support for the project.

December, 2010- Trustees will report to the City Council on the Foundation's work. At this time, the City Council will determine whether or not to proceed with the project and the possibility of a Bond Referendum in 2011.

Contact Director Kelly Fischbach if you would like her to speak to your group, friends, or just answer your personal questions. 792-3432