

Great Neck Library
Main Building Committee
Thursday, June 18, 2020
Via WebEx

Board Members:

Scott Sontag, Chair (SS)
Weihua Yan, Chair (WY)
Rebecca Miller (RM)
Liman Mimi Hu (MH)

Library Professionals:

Tracy Van Dyne (TV)
Cindy Simeti (CS)
Garry Hordoyski (GH)
Charles Wohlgemuth (CW)

Public Members:

Marietta DiCamillo (MD)
Alice Merwin (AM)
Marianna Wohlgemuth (MW)

Invited Guest:

John Aluotto, Renaissance Web Solutions

Call to Order

The meeting of the Main Building Committee was called to order by SS at 6:02 PM.

Follow up on Action Items

Tracy Van Dyne

1. Contact Innovative to see if they can apply a new design to their login page to match the library's updated website. **ONGOING**
2. Schedule next Main Committee meeting in two weeks. **DONE**

Renaissance Web Solutions

John stated that at the previous meeting they left off on changes to the colors, size of the content blocks under the header, the search and login boxes and also changing the logo back to red. He opened up to comments on the updated site.

RM prefers the logo in red but feels it does not connect to any other color on the website. John said he can incorporate the red into the site but felt that at the last meeting everyone was against the use of that color. MH echoed RM's sentiment that the red in the logo is out of place as the rest of the site is blue throughout. She likes the layout and color but on mobile the color is a bit too bright which makes it hard to navigate. John noted that on a phone the blue is really going to pop while it's a flatter on a desktop or laptop. SS said that the red color has a historical connection to the library and added that if the logo is kept in red than that color should be incorporated throughout the site.

JP feels that the page is too busy and suggested possibly removing the picture and icons at the top and replacing them with “Upcoming Events”. MD feels that the colors of the ribbon in the center of the page have become very muted and look out of place on the page. WY agreed with MD. He stated that he is not bothered by the red in the logo even if it does not match with any colors on the page. RM said that she thinks it is important that the library highlight its digital resources especially while the public is not in the building. The GoDigital section is particularly important while emphasis is on remote service. She feels there is a scale issue with the buttons and questioned if they can be moved later on to emphasize other library services. John said that the buttons may be moved at any time.

John asked for clarity on colors and buttons. The committee discussed the importance of keeping the red in the logo due to its historical significance. MH suggested instead of matching the hues we match the shades. John suggested taking it from the top. He asked the committee how they feel with the current header. The committee agreed that the header is fine. RM requested that “Our Branches” be changed to “Locations” and that GoDigital be added as one of the “locations”.

SS asked everyone to give their input on the logo. He feels that it is a little small. MD and MW agreed. After discussion, the committee decided to have John make the logo slightly taller while keeping the text the same size. He will also change the logo back to its original color.

John asked the committee their opinion on the existing slider and layout at the top of the page. WH said he is satisfied with the proportions and layout of the slider. RM and MH concurred. MH thanked John for his patience. She questioned if two sliders could be designed, one for PC and one for mobile. John responded that could be done inhouse.

TV agreed with the logo staying red and also with making the icon slightly bigger. Everything else on the page is laid out nicely and addresses all the features that patrons usually search for. She added that it is going to be very difficult to have everyone on the committee agree on the colors for the site. John concurred and thinks that if the logo is going to be kept in red then a different color scheme should be picked to better embrace and incorporate it.

Punch List-HVAC

TV announced that this remains with library counsel. She reached out to Charlie Segal to advise him that the staff is back in the building and an appointment could be made now if necessary.

Landscaping

TV reported that she spoke to Greg Marett from Bayview and confirmed that everything is good with the permit. He is now vetting construction companies that will be available for the project.

New Business

TV reported that preparations for curbside pickup are being finalized and that librarians will be back in the building on Monday, June 22nd with a staggered schedule. MH recommended very clear instructions on how curbside pickup will work and to continually update the website and social media pages with the latest information. MD asked if a reopening plan has been reviewed and approved by the BoT. TV said that the reopening procedure is adhering to the government guidelines. MD said that companies are being exposed to liabilities on the workforce returning back to the office. RM said that this will be discussed at the next BoT meeting. WY asked TV to obtain documentation advising reopening process for libraries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Submitted by Gina Chase

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1. Obtain documentation advising reopening process for other libraries.