



Trustee Pizer stated that she would have preferred another date possibly in December to allow more time for messaging to educate the public about the project, and this would be difficult given such a short time. Additionally, there are many religious holidays in September and October when people are not going to pay attention. She also has concerns about the size of the cushion built in the total cost estimates. All these concerns were addressed.

Having the referendum in October will provide ample time for the Library to publish legal notices and disseminate accurate information to the public about the building project. Bonnie D. Graham's public relations firm can assist the Library Director in this regard so the public can make an informed decision.

A December date for the referendum would not be viable as many people go away for the winter.

The Director explained that the Board of Trustees is not locked into this date but if they choose not to use October 25th, they would have to go back to the School Board and present them with another date to see if that date meets their approval. The School District, in addition to approving the date, must also approve the proposition language prepared by the Library's Bond Counsel. The not-to-exceed figure, the principal amount being borrowed, and the annual installment figures have to be finalized for the agenda for the School Board meeting on August 25th.

Attorney Goldberg also added that after the 45-day period for legal notices, the referendum date cannot be changed and the Library must go forward with the referendum.

James Wojcek and Frank Messano, representatives from Park East Construction, were invited to the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have concerning the cost estimates.

Mr. Wojcek gave a brief recap on how the cost estimates for Plan D evolved with a culmination of cost estimates prepared by a separate cost estimate consultant used by DattnerArchitects, and Park East with their own independent evaluation. The Library Board approved a schematic design called Option D with a \$22.5 million construction cost. The \$22.5 million excluded the ad-alternatives and some of these ad-alternatives could be put into the project if the Board wants to hold that number at \$22.5 million. If the referendum passes, there is a one-year period for designs and building permits. So escalations that were forecasted and not realized may come out of the cost estimates all together. The building project may take 18 months instead of three years. Park East Construction is going to take a fresh look at these estimates in view of the foregoing and the downward trend of today's market. They have the database and the ability to do it in a fairly short time and will provide the Board with these revised estimates by the end of the month.

There was discussion on whether or not if all the money voted on in the referendum is not used would interest be paid on the unused portion.

Mr. Wojcek further explained that it is standard practice in public works project to come up with the needs of the facilities, which the Library has done by choosing Option D. Then, there is the design process which gets very detailed and goes out to bid and it is at that point the real numbers will be known. The design chosen must stay within the budget.

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Since Park East Construction can provide new numbers by the end of July, it was decided that a special Board meeting should be called to discuss and approve these numbers to present to the School Board of Education by August 25th.

Janet Esagoff moved and Josie Pizer seconded the motion to hold another special Board meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011. All were in favor. Plan D drawings that have been mounted on boards will be brought to this meeting. Noah Nadelson, Bond Counsel with Munistat Services, will be asked to attend to talk about the financing aspects of the project.

Public Comment: Ralene Adler

**VOTE:** Yes – 4 (Esagoff, Kaplan, Marcus, Solomon); Abstention – 1 (Pizer)  
*MOTION CARRIED*

## **APPROVAL OF 990**

**Upon motion by Varda Solomon and seconded by Josie Pizer, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED,** that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees approve the form 990 for 2011 as presented, and direct that our audit firm file it with the IRS.

**VOTE:** Yes – 5 (Esagoff, Kaplan, Marcus, Pizer, Solomon)  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Business Manager Zitofsky stated that if anyone wanted to see this and other reports for not-for-profit organizations, they can be seen free of charge online at [guidestar.org](http://guidestar.org) which would require one to register before accessing.

## **OPEN TIME**

Ralene Adler – urged the Board to reconsider the additional 8,000 sq. ft. expansion at Main in view of increase space at Station and soon-to-be additional space at the Parkville Branch.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Marcus  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees