



DATE: 2/5/2009

RE: **Fairhaven Library Public Comments Summary**

Below you will find a summary of the questions and comments generated at the public meeting held on 2/5/09 for your use;

Time and Duration of Closure?

- A. To be determined by library operations and staff and construction scope and schedule.

Is the seismic analysis based on objective criteria?

- A. Yes, used "life safety" level.

How was the seismic work in the 1980's determined?

- A. It is not known what criteria might have been used.

Does Bellingham have its own Code for seismic retrofit work?

- A. Yes, The IBC with Washington State Amendments.

Comment: This building is un-reinforced masonry (URM) and is potentially very unstable in a seismic event.

Does this work by FFA include suggestions for energy efficiency upgrades?

- A. Better window sealing, more efficient furnace on top floor, and increased wall insulation.

How do we determine which estimate to follow, BOLA vs. New One?

- A. BOLA estimate was a condition assessment. New estimate is based on more detailed analysis.

Comment: Windows on top floor need to be operable.

Request: Want power venting on top floor with a manual user override of heat system.

Has electrical and fire code been addressed?

- A. Yes.

What is the process for public input on the project?

- A. Send comments to the Library and Library Board.

Where is the extra money for the complete project going to come from?

- A. We have \$2.3M, an extra \$600K might be shifted from Central to Fairhaven with approval. Second estimate is forthcoming.

Comment (from Lib. Board): "Dual Path" approach to bids (base w/Add Alternates) might be the way to go.

Comment (from Lib. Staff): Public is invited and encouraged to comment on opinions on various pieces of proposed project.

Comment: Cordata area has no Library, we need one in that neighborhood.

Have the Staff, City, and Architects prioritized components of the job?

- A. Not yet, though we think that all agree that the exterior work might be #1.

Comment: Dual Path sounds like a good approach.

If there is a serious seismic event, will the building collapse?

- A. That is very difficult to say, it is unknown how this building would perform in a serious earthquake, except that without a seismic retrofit minor to serious damage may be expected.

What is the schedule going forward for construction? - RFQ's, Bids, Construction?

- A. We are on track to do the construction this summer.

Will Design Review come into play and effect the schedule?

- A. We do not believe so, as project scope involves only exterior "repair."