

The Friends of the Carnegie Library Newsletter

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Photograph by Waldo Wattles
Circa 1940

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Message from the President

by Sue Liapis

Greetings to all the wonderful friends of the Carnegie Library!

Since our first issue of this newsletter in January, the Save the Carnegie Committee has made significant progress toward our ultimate goal of moving, refurbishing and renovating our historic Carnegie.

The Bemidji architectural firm of Widseth Smith Nolting was hired to prepare the plans and specs for this project and has worked in harmony with the committee and city representatives to ensure this project is moving forward in a timely manner. The construction documents, plans and specs will be 100% complete in approximately three weeks. Also three of four “milestones” (approved reviews by the State Historical Preservation Office) will be complete allowing our committee to submit a grant application for Legacy funds from the State. The committee, with the blessing of the Bemidji City Council has submitted both a Capital Grant in Aid request and a 2016 Bonding request.

Please review the floor plans on the reverse side of this newsletter. The upper level of the Carnegie will be restored historically as well as the exterior of the building. Because the building is being moved back due to safety issues and to allow for green space in front, the lower level will be all new and provide restrooms, a small kitchenette and two great tenant spaces. Note that the addition with the at-grade entry will be ADA accessible with an elevator and stairs to both levels. If you know of a possible tenant, please tell them about this opportunity.

The Carnegie group is actively fundraising and appreciate all gifts, large or small, in order to make this project a reality.

Remember you can donate online yourself or in memory or honor of someone special to you. If this special person lived and loved Bemidji, a donation in remembrance is a wonderful gift. Thank you for your support – past, present and future!

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2015

by Cathy Marchand

Contributions & Pledges

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Community Donations/Pledges | \$ 98,900 |
| Andreas & Marilyn Kuhn | \$150,000 |
| Grants* | \$380,000 |
| City of Bemidji | \$100,000 |
| Minnesota State Legacy Grant | \$ 50,000 |
| Total | \$778,800 |

Expenditures

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Architectural Drawings/Plans | \$72,600 |
| Archeological Study | \$20,000 |
| Condition Assessment | \$11,000 |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$25,200 |
| Total | \$128,800 |

*Postage, graphic design & printing, publicity, event costs, etc.

Volunteer Hours = 4,087
Donated Goods & Services Value—\$19,100

*Joseph & Janice Lueken Family Foundation,
G.W. Neilson, Carolyn F. Jacobs Culture &
Humanity Fund, Beltrami County

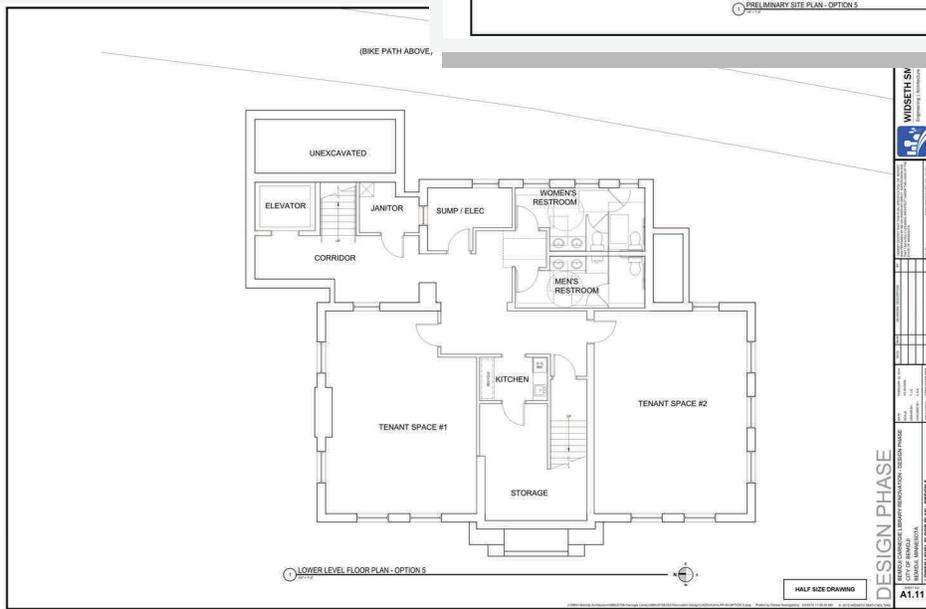
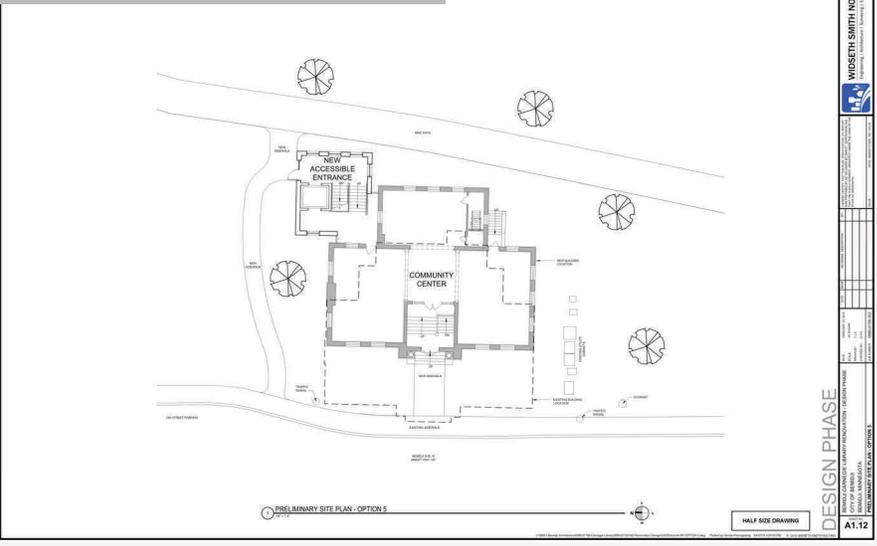
DESIGN PHASE FOR THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY



Views of the Carnegie Library showing the new accessible entrance at the rear. Following historic preservation guidelines, the design of the addition will compliment the original structure but will not be an exact match.

Site plan showing the Carnegie Library moved 17' feet toward Lake Bemidji.

A portion of the original foundation will remain permanently in place (at ground level) to memorialize its original location.



The lower level will provide two tenant spaces, accessible restrooms, a kitchenette and storage for the building.

Mission Statement
To Preserve and Restore the Historic Carnegie Library