

The Building Committee got an update on the state of the building and the Coldwater Branch exterior painting project and considered a request over email.

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STP Painting completed the power washing of the exterior in preparation for painting. During the washing, they found some rotting boards high up, which they are able to repair, so there will be an additional bill at some point for that. Since we have not found a contractor to rehang the damaged downspout, we will be asking STP to take care of this, too. This shouldn't be a problem, since they were going to have to remove them to paint anyway.

We also have a problematic air conditioning unit at the Coldwater Branch. One of the two main condensers is not cooling properly, leaving about half of the building with sub-par cooling. This has been an off and on problem for years, but one that a power cycle usually helps. It has been getting worse, though, so we called for service. Aker, our HVAC contractor discovered a faulty relay and a coolant leak. The relay has been swapped out for a good one and as of 6/3, the Aker team thought they had pinpointed where the leak was to stop it. So look for some additional bills from Aker on this front, probably in the July packet.

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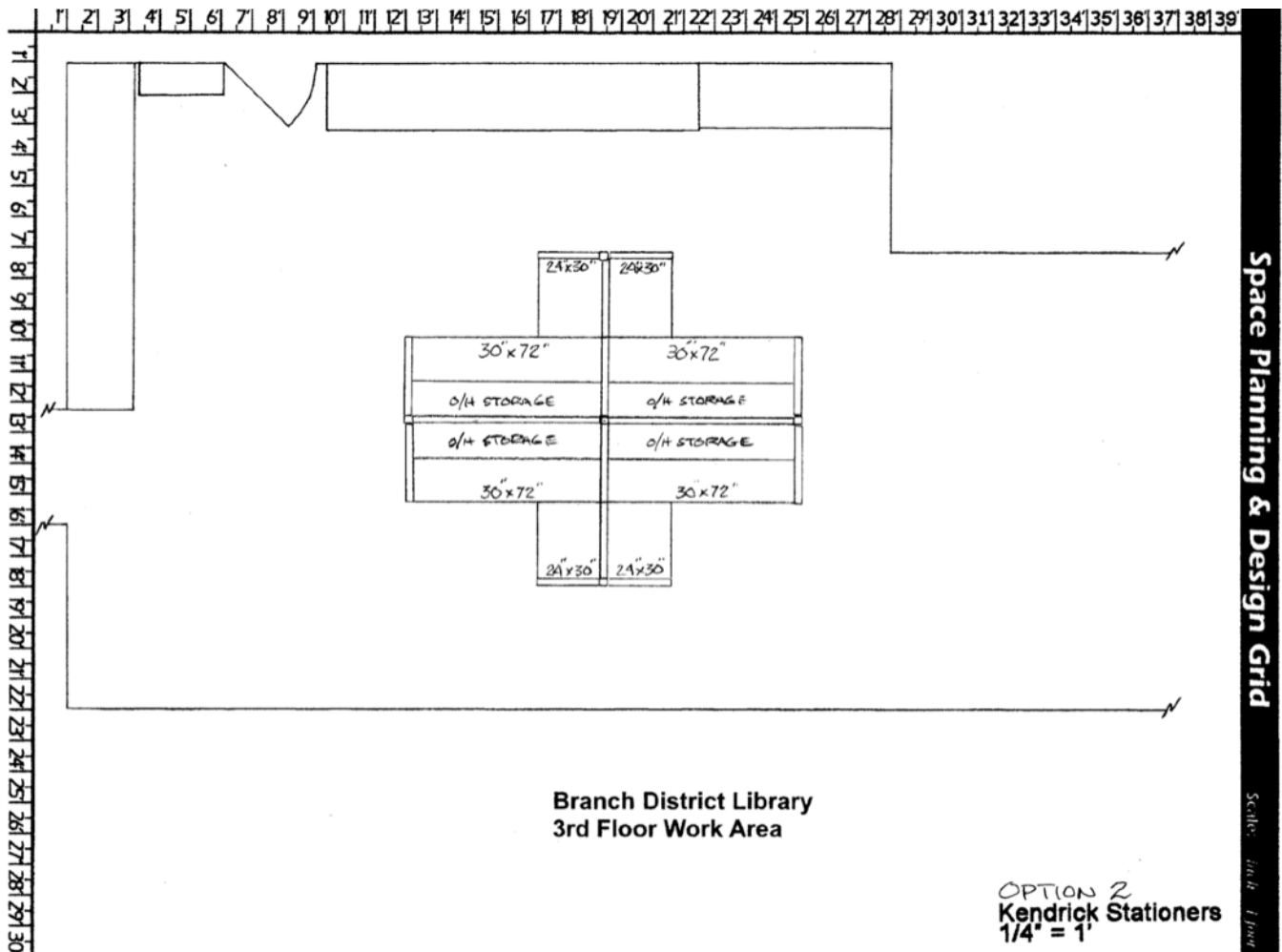
The request considered was for the staff office area in the workroom. Currently we have 4 workstations, including our full time Outreach Manager and Children's Services Coordinator positions, all sharing a homemade desk in the workroom. (The desk is a countertop laid on top of a filing cabinet.) The other stations are for our postal gear and book repair. Here's a picture:



I asked Jim Voss at Kendrick Stationers, longtime local office supplies vendor for the library, to put together a proposal for us. His proposal would replace the homemade desk with 4 L-shaped workstations, similar to this picture:



The floorpan in the room would look like this:



There is plenty of space to put this in, and still reuse the existing shelving for storage along the walls in other locations.

Fully installed, the quote for this HON office system was \$13,821.11. That quote was valid only for 30 days and has expired now, so we are requesting approval to spend up to \$14,000.

We could pay for this using the gap in the building maintenance line from what we budgeted for the painting to what the painting quote actually was. That painting quote was \$54,000 less than we budgeted. Even though the bookmobile will ultimately be more expensive than planned, as discussed at the May 2 meeting, our fund balance increased by more than enough to cover it. Plus, with only 50% due up front, we shouldn't even need to do a budget amendment this year since our bookmobile outlay this year will still be \$20,000 less than we budgeted for. In other words, the remainder of the cost will come from the 2023 budget. So, short story, the money is there for this.

The Building Committee recommends that the full Board consider this request.

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