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Meeting Notes

Faneuil Branch of the Boston Public Library
Community Advisory Committee Meeting #1
September 11, 2014
6pm – 7:30pm

Introductions:

Jeff Hoover, Tappe Architects
BPL staff
Community members

Agenda:

1. Goals of the Programming Study were discussed (see slides)
2. Preliminary schedule of meetings discussed (see slides)
3. Review of BPL Compass Strategic plan and how it relates to the project
4. Review of avenues for input – survey (available until October 18th, online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FaneuilBranch> and in print at the branch, email, letters, phone calls, feedback directly to branch staff, community meetings
5. Review of survey results to date – what works, what doesn't, what's missing?
6. Preliminary review of existing conditions in the branch (see slides)
7. Review of library literature and research on 21st century libraries

Community Feedback

- Several comments regarding liking the architecture and the need to preserve it
- Desire to improve technology and physical spaces for all ages
- Desire to have a well-crafted and deep collection for all ages
- Request to have more information on the basic code updates needed to bring the building to code
- Conversation about whether to dream big or only plan for basic improvements
- Conversation about changing nature of neighborhood – influx of students each year – how to attract that 20-40 demographic
- Request to have meeting materials available before next CAC meeting

Next Steps

- Continue to offer survey through October 18
- BPL to schedule 2nd CAC meeting for later this fall

- Tappe to continue with existing conditions evaluation