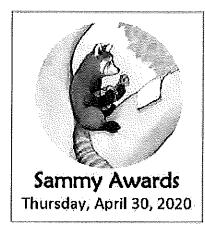
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Subject: question(s) about ADA

Good morning, John.

I'm hoping you can give us some advice, or perhaps steer us in a direction in regards to the concerns of some as to how the existing library could be made ADA compliant.

As you know, we have attained a cost estimate for deferred maintenance of the Jones from Western Builders that roughly outlines updating systems, finishes, etc. What the estimate did not touch on, was what it would take to make the building ADA compliant.

Sharon and I are having difficulty figuring out how we could attain such a figure. Some parts, like updating entrances, doors, signage, furnishings, etc. Seem to be fairly straight forward to a degree. But when you get into what it would take to make the entire building compliant (access to all levels, moving/reducing stacks, the consequences of enlarging the front elevator, etc.) it seems like there is no way to put a dollar figure on it as any of these would necessitate structural redesign of the interior and all the decisions that come with it. At that point, it seems like we are basically looking at hiring an architect to redesign the interior, which comes at both a cost financially and time-wise that we do not have. It's frustrating because we are being asked to provide a figure for something that, should the Building Project fail, we would not be able to focus on until all the deferred maintenance items were dealt with. It would be years out before we could address everything.

We really need the consult of an architect to determine how this question can be addressed with some formality and sense that Town Council will understand. Given that you are, in a way, involved with the building project as an advisor to Finegold Alexander, we do not know if asking for your consult would be construed as a conflict of interest. We were hoping you could tell us. If you do not feel it would be, we are hoping you would be willing to chat with us, or point us in a direction of what is realistic.