Q & A for MB-1517, Almonte Library

1) The first Notice on this project stated that the square footage was 14,000 square feet and the budget would be $5,721,233. A link on line (and copied below:)
[Library: https://www.okc.gov/home/showdocument?id=16428] states that the square footage is 24,405 square feet and added a parking lot of 110 spaces, while the budget remains the same. Why was the square footage by more than 10,000 square feet and specific parking included, yet the budget remained the same? The first advertised notice was incorrect; that's why it was revised.

2) It appears that 24,405 square feet and 110 parking spaces are very specific numbers / program requirements. Has work already been done by another architect and/or consultant regarding the planning and/or programming of this facility? No. The square footage was based off the Metropolitan Library System's long-term planning.

3) If so, what is the name of the firm that provided the early assessment/study? N/A

4) Who established the budget would remain the same when the square footage was increased, and the parking requirements were included? It wasn't increased, the first advertised notice was incorrect. The budget listed on the first and revised advertised notice was correct.

1. Are there any previously published visionary documents that staff believes are relevant?
   a. i.e.- master plans, strategic plans, mission and vision statements, etc. No
2. Are there any previously completed evaluations of the current system or of this specific branch that staff can share that they believe could be relevant? No
3. Are there any internal processes specific to the system or branch that staff believes is particularly relevant to function of the building and arrangement of spaces? No
4. Does staff envision having partners or tenants in the project? The building is owned by the City and operated by the Metropolitan Library System (MLS)
   a. i.e.- tutoring spaces, writing center, cafes, counseling, career services, etc.
5. Has staff surveyed current users for feedback on the existing branch facility or what they would prioritize for a new facility, and if so, will it be shared? When the design gets started MLS has programming requirements but those are not necessary to include in a letter of interest. We suggest visiting existing library's around the City.
6. More and more flexibility is stressed in Library design as change becomes a constant—do the program and budget provided by staff contemplate flexibility as a central controlling concept? Flexibility is always a concern but is not the first priority.
7. Will the library need to provide a storm safe area for patrons? No