



*Library Facility Task Force*  
January 21, 2015 8:30 a.m.  
Winter Park Public Library Community Room

Members present: Gary Barker, Daniel Butts, Bruce Douglas, Jeffry Jontz, Nancy Mills, Sam Stark, Jan Walker, Chip Weston, Shawn Shaffer and Randy Knight. A quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Sam Stark.

**The minutes from the January 7, 2015; December 8, 2015, December 8, 2015 and December 9, 2015 meetings were approved after a correction for a misspelled name.**

Subcommittees reported on the meetings and gave a review of their sites:

**Present Location:** Jeffry Jontz reported that Rollins College will be approached to discuss a joint parking garage. They are looking into possible locations to move to, while a new building is being built. It might be possible to close Lyman Avenue and use that land to grow onto. City residents want to see pictures of the vision. Programatics are being researched to determine size requirements. Costs to demolish this building will be researched.

**City Hall Site:** Gary Barker reported that density is a main concern, especially the height of the parking garage. There is concern about trucks coming down Comstock Avenue for Miller's Hardware and for the Post Office retail zone. Gathering these municipal resources could enable a "one-stop shopping" experience for residents that would include City services, shopping and dining on the Avenue as a community asset. There could be great opportunities for partnerships (ex. a retail Post Office in the Library).

**Civic Center Site:** The committee believes this is a beautiful location. The subcommittee toured the existing facility with City staff and had the opportunity to ask questions about their current and future bookings, as well as to see the condition of the building. They are presently booked two years out for weddings and meetings. This site would be an expensive choice, and parking would be an issue -- especially without a Commission-approved plan for the old Best Western Hotel property next door. That could be residential and or retail, but has not yet been approved.

Chip Weston is working on programmatic needs for the new Library. He is doing research and evaluations and has not yet made any recommendations. He is working with Shawn Shaffer to define the Library's needs for books, audiobooks, videos, special programs and events. He is also researching what other new libraries have done.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

*Our Charge...*

*Library Facility Task Force consists of nine voting members and two ex officio members who study and make recommendations to the Winter Park City Commission regarding need, location, costs and funding strategies for a new or remodeled library facility.*