



Library Facility Task Force

February 4, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Winter Park Public Library Community Room

Members present: Gary Barker, Daniel Butts, Jeffry Jontz, Nancy Miles, Joel Roberts, Sam Stark, Jan Walker, Chip Weston, Shawn Shaffer and Randy Knight. Guests included Larry Adams and Julie Von Weller from ACi. A quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Sam Stark.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2015 meeting was made by Daniel Butts. Nancy Miles seconded. The motion passed.

The three site subcommittees gave reports on their progress:

Jeffry Jontz reported from the Present Site subcommittee - Discussions with Rollins College have stalled temporarily due to their Presidential search. The Lyman Street closing was discussed with Randy Knight, who said that this might be very challenging, but not impossible. It will be up to City Commissioners to make that decision.

Gary Barker reported on the City Hall Site and said that the Trisman family has acquired the Winderweedle property, which frees up some of the land in question for the Library.

Jan Walker and Joel Roberts spoke on the Civic Center site. While there are substantial challenges at this location, the plusses include the City owning the land. There could be a joint use with the Civic Center, or it might be possible to build the Library on another portion of the park site, possibly on the Denning Avenue side. This site does offer exceptional opportunities for indoor and outdoor space. The park elements would give the Library the most freedom to grow, and the possibility for possible partnerships.

Chip Weston is investigating other City space and programs and will make a report at the next meeting about his findings and recommendations.

Daniel Butts brought up that the Winter Park Playhouse might be interested in a partnership in a new building. They would need 10,000-15,000 square feet. This might fit very well with the Library's mission.

Shawn Shaffer showed a slide show highlighting the Amsterdam Library, which included a wine bar, an art gallery and a cafe. It featured an open floor plan and offered great flexibility of the space. Gary Barker showed a library in Steamboat Springs, Colorado that he visited recently. It was also very open and multi-functional. Shawn discussed the space needs for the future. The collection will continue to grow in size, especially children's books. We will need a dividable meeting room for training, labs and small group study. The non-assignable space is for building necessities such as HVAC, computer system

support, etc. The baseline recommendation is 50,678 square feet to accommodate basic services, systems and work space.

Larry Adams spoke on the vision of the Library. Now that detailed assessments for specific spaces have been identified, he will present his concept compositions in March to the Task Force. The elements he will include will be openness and flexibility.

Subcommittees will continue to meet and to move forward.

The next Task Force meeting will be February 18, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 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.