

City of Winter Park Public Library Task Force

July 30, 2014 8:30 a.m.

Winter Park Public Library Community Room

Members Present:

Bruce Douglas, Jeffry Jontz, Jan Walker, Nancy Miles, Sam Stark, Joel Roberts, Chip Weston, Daniel Butts, Gary Barker, Shawn Shaffer, Randy Knight

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Task Force Committee Chairman, Sam Stark.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 7/23/14 meeting was made by Jan Walker, seconded by Randy Knight. The motion passed. Minutes approved.

Sam started the agenda discussion off with a request for the task force to define their goal/mission.

Discussion ensued regarding what's best for the Winter Park city residents, organizations and business. WPPL's mission of being *a place where education, entertainment and enlightenment happen every day* and what it will take to meet those needs for the next 20 years. Our users were defined as residents and non-residents, including Rollins faculty and students. The demographic ranges from children to senior citizens, individuals and families.

A public relations campaign was suggested to help the residents get to know all that is available here at the Library. Shawn's mission this past year has been to get out into the community, and she is active in clubs and organizations, as is Phyllis Corkum, the Development Coordinator. Some of the Library services include: AARP offered tax preparation to residents from January until April, Adult Literacy training is available, Kindles loaned, bike rentals, keyboard and typing apps and tutors working with students. About 350 teens that have been involved in the Summer Reading programs.

The discussion turned to what the future needs of the community might be, what the future might require, and why we cannot meet those needs in our present location. The Library of the future will need to be flexible and have the ability to re-tool as its needs change. The Library will be a place where people, (tribes) connect generations. We will need to be a space that can grow and continue to evolve as life and technology does.

Parking is a big issue, and even if the library is re-plumbed and upgrades the electrical for today's technology, parking would still not be sufficient. A Library for the future needs to have flexibility, including walls that can be re-arranged and stacks that are moveable. Outside space is also very important and there needs to be green space that users can enjoy.

Subcommittees were discussed and several were proposed, including: Future needs, Site Selection, Funding and finance and PUP (Partners Use and Purpose). These will be discussed at the next meeting and Task Force members will be assigned to specific committees.

A symposium was suggested to help project the city's needs regarding the relevancy of how folks connect and learn, looking at cultural needs. A public forum, to bring in the public for their input, and to show that the Task Force is willing to listen, and wants feedback and ideas. The tentative date will be September 17 from 5:30 - 8 pm. Details to follow.

Sam discussed the need for a timeline. There will be two Task Force meetings in August.

The agenda for the next meeting will include site discussion, the public forum event and committees. Shawn will locate a place for the forum event and advise at the next meeting. It was also suggested that Library tours be offered, possibly by the WPPL Teen Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.