

City of Winter Park Public Library Task Force

August 13, 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.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 7/30/14 meeting was unanimously approved.

Jeremy Bartolovitch, from the Douglas Company gave a concept estimate to gut and re-build at the current location. The retro-fit would involve keeping the structure and the HVAC and some of the electrical. The cost would range between \$140.00 and \$243.00 per square foot, which would put the starting cost at \$5.1 million. The building would be more energy efficient and the walls would be flexible so that spaces could be re-designed as technology and growth change. Bartolovitch said he did not know if adding a fourth floor is a possibility.

This estimated cost does not include moving the library materials to an off-site location, renting space and providing utilities while there, and then moving back to this location. The time frame to retro-fit this building would be around eight months for construction.

The parking lot could also be re-configured to add an additional four parking spaces. Randy Knight said city code requires three spaces per 1,000 square feet, which would be between 110-120 spaces. Presently there are 68 spaces. We already provide fewer spaces than required by code, and the addition of a fourth floor would increase the number of needed spaces.

A presentation of potential sites was shown by John Cunningham of ACI, a Winter Park architectural firm contracted by the City that has done several site analysis of available city-owned land. The four potential sites examined were: City Hall, Progress Point, Civic Center and the Post Office. ACI showed preliminary footprints for building at each of those locations. The Task Force discussed the pros and cons of the sites. Options for a joint-use facility were discussed and included options for partnerships with retail, civic or cultural organizations, and/or shared space and parking facilities.

Sam Stark started the discussion to define the group's ultimate goal/mission: Create a multi-use, multi-purpose facility in Winter Park that meets the needs and brings together the citizens of Winter Park and others in the region. The new facility will be anchored by the Winter Park Public Library; the space will be flexible enough to provide access to the full range of lifelong informational and educational opportunities relevant today and accommodate what will become relevant in the future.

The group feels strongly about the Library being a facility that will accommodate change for whatever the future brings. A community forum is being planned to bring in citizen input for Imagining Our Future. The event will be held on September 17 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Women's Club of Winter Park, 419 S. Interlachen Ave. This will be an opportunity for residents to ask questions of the Task Force members and discuss the many options about how to meet the educational and informational needs of the future.

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