

City of Winter Park Public Library Task Force

August 27, 2014

Winter Park Public Library Community Room

Members Present: Jeffry Jontz, Jan Walker, Sam Stark, Joel Roberts, Chip Weston, Daniel Butts, Gary Barker, Shawn Shaffer, Randy Knight. Nancy Miles attended via conference call.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting was approved as amended.

The Mission statement was unanimously approved.

Randy Knight reported that he and Mayor Bradley had met with Congressman John Mica and the key representative of the U.S. Postal Service regarding a possible City purchase of the Post Office property. Knight said the Post Office is open to this prospect provided that a new site could be found for a distribution center that would consolidate three current centers. Knight said that the Post Office has never before considered moving the distribution center outside a one-mile radius of the current facility. One requirement of the Post Office is that a retail site remain within the city core. Congressman Mica indicated his strong support in helping to obtain this property for the City.

Shawn Shaffer and Knight talked with ACi about doing a site study for the present library location. The advantage is that many residents love our location.

Plans were made for the "Imagining Our Future" community forum on September 17, 2014 to be held at the Woman's Club of Winter Park from 6 - 8 p.m. This will be a positive opportunity for Winter Park residents to learn more about all of the ways the Library serves the community, as well as about national trends and what other cities are doing regarding library facilities. Discussions included hiring a moderator to facilitate, the type of forum style, room set up, speakers and presentations. The site renderings developed by ACi will be shown. Five questions were drafted for discussion, as well as to be printed on cards to be distributed that evening. Knight said that the City would split the cost of a facilitator with the Library. Promotions for the forum were discussed and the Library will send out an e-blast this week as well as a reminder next week after the Labor Day holiday. Shawn will be in touch with the Woman's Club to check on available equipment and doing a Live Tweet via Twitter during the event. The WPPL Teen Board will be in attendance to assist that evening.

Subcommittees will not be created at this time.

A timeline will be developed at the next meeting. A report to the City Commission will be required at the termination of this Task Force. Knight will bring information to the Task Force regarding the logistic and legal issues regarding bond issues, in case that becomes a recommended funding strategy.

Shaffer proposed that the Task Force visit the Melrose Center at the Orange County Library System's central branch. Members will meet there for a tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.