



## Middleton Public Library Building Committee

December 15, 2015

Attendees: Gillman, Light, Reed, Seltzer, Soeteber, Westby

1. **Call to order:** 11am
2. **Public comments:** none
3. **Approval of minutes:** n/a
4. **Report from Steve on conversations:** Steve recently spoke with Common Council President Susan West, Mayor Kurt Sonnentag, and Dane County Board of Supervisors Paul Nelson to discuss the progress of the Building Feasibility Study.
  - A. Steve reported that his discussion with Susan was very productive. She thanked him for reaching out to her, and emphasized the need to build a collaborative approach to the building project with the council and other city departments. She mentioned 2027 as a target date for the project. She also invited the Library Board and Building Committee to meet with the Committee of the Whole to review city finances and the levy process. The Building Committee discussed the city's morning retreat scheduled for Saturday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> (8:30am-12pm) and as possible date for this. Pamela will contact Mike Davis to set this up.
  - B. Steve reported that the Mayor views the building study and project as progressing appropriately. He believes that differing opinions are a natural part of the process and reminded Steve that he, the Mayor, recommended that the library initiate the study.
  - C. Steve reported that Paul appreciated the call. Paul noted that he would need to be reserved in his feedback due to his political affiliations. Paul stressed the need for a coordinated approach to the project, and well as careful consideration of "timing." He said that many older residents don't yet understand the need for library updates, and stressed the need for the Building Committee to communicate the "why" to the community, including clear and concise drawbacks of the current facility.
5. **Comments on video clips sent after last meeting:** Committee members thanked Rob for sharing these video from the Aspen Institute. Joan noted the "great words" used to communicate big ideas in the changing library landscape. David noted the importance of communicating these ideas in our presentation.
6. **Report from Pamela and Rebecca on February feasibility presentation:** The Building Committee again reviewed the ideal timeline for the presentation. There was consensus that

inviting three key players – Davis, West, and Sonnentag – to the upcoming January 12<sup>th</sup> Library Board meeting would help open communication, as well as help us to determine the recommended content for the presentation. The Building Committee will next meet at the previously scheduled date, January 12<sup>th</sup> 9-11am. The proposed agenda for the Library Board meeting that night will include a meeting with the Friends group (6:30-7pm), and a meeting with Davis, West, and Sonnentag (7-7:30pm). Pamela will contact these three to extend our invitation.

Pamela reported that she contacted Greenleaf Media, the company working with Dimension IV on the Building Feasibility Study. Greenleaf may be able to provide assistance with the PowerPoint and video portions of our presentation. Building Committee members discussed their visions for a short video featuring local community members. The target date for the presentation was Feb 19<sup>th</sup> (later confirmed for March 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting).

7. **Report from Pamela on Impact Fees:** Pamela will follow-up with members of the Plan Commission regarding questions from the last Library Board meeting.
8. **New business:** none. Next meeting - January 12<sup>th</sup> 9-11am.
9. **Adjournment:** 12:16pm

*Minutes compiled by Light based on her notes and are subject to change.*