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Minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting

Attendees: Josh Goodman, Rich Burnes, David Shaw, Anjali Gulati, Larry Moffi, Don Scheuerman, Molly Scott, Dorinda Danneman, Ian Rothman, Arquilla Ridgell, Aliyah Glenn, Jack and Carolyn Thompson, Bob Shoenberg.

The Minutes of the September meeting were approved. The Agenda was approved.

The Treasurers report was unchanged. Balance at August 31, 2015 was \$878.00.

Josh Goodman has requested the Community Liaison from the State Highway Administration speak to us at a future meeting about the Randolph Road/Georgia Avenue Interchange. He is still soliciting questions to submit to SHA. Some questions he has received are: Are we on schedule? Updated timeline? When will traffic be affected more heavily?

Anjali Gulati (Project Manager) and Don Scheuerman (Assistant Chief) from Montgomery County Department of General Services attended, and Don presented information about the Wheaton Library/Recreation Center replacement project.

There will not be a library in Wheaton during construction, other local libraries are Twinbrook, Kensington, and Aspen Hill. Don does not know the Library Department's plans to provide local library access during construction.

The existing Library building was built in the 1960's and refurbished in 1982. It has a large number of issues, including a long history of leaks. After evaluating options it was decided to combine the library and recreation center facilities.

The community wanted green space and plenty of free parking. Much of the former Rec Center lot will be green space. Some surface parking (50 to 60 spaces) will be provided and the parking structure beneath the building (160-170 spaces) will have 12' ceilings. It will be light and bright as requested by the community. A plaza off of (relocated) Hermitage Avenue will have a book drop lane, a school bus drop off, short term and ADA compliant parking.

Bidders will be pre-qualified and Bid Sets should be completed in February 2016.

The library will close March 28, 2016. After the library is closed, relocation of Hermitage will begin and demolition of the Youth Center will start. The library will begin to pack up.

Before demolition begins, asbestos and lead abatement occurs; and utilities are turned off/disconnected. A letter from each utility stating service turned off goes to the Building Inspector to get the Demolition permit. This phase may take 12-15 weeks. After demolition is completed, construction is expected to begin in Summer 2016, building expected to be open mid-summer 2018. Some impact to neighbors will be experienced during construction; a retaining wall will be needed on the east side.

The library will have all new computers for the public when it opens. The library will have a PONS (Passive Optical Network S?), with tremendous bandwidth. There are plans to have Laptop/Tablet self checkout, more meeting spaces, small tutoring areas.

The library space will be all on one floor with meeting rooms on the second floor.

There will be space for a Bookstore, smaller than the current space. The library uses the bookstore to dispose of excess books and used books. The current bookstore contributes \$200K/year towards library funding.

The recreation center spaces will include: a full teaching/catering kitchen, and seating for 300 for dinner in the social hall. There will be a kiln room, Arts room, dance studio, exercise studio. There will be a 3 bay gym with a walking track at the outer edge.

The budget is about \$50M for construction, \$76.482 all in. The facility is fully funded. Lessons learned doing previous projects are to build new, not to renovate; when Olney and Gaithersburg libraries were renovated there were lots of surprises. Another lesson learned was what types of finishes work on walls and floors. Much has been learned about curtain walls; shading, lighting and glare control. Glare will be controlled with sunshades on the south wall of the new library.

The site is 5.8 acres.

Traffic impact: won't make traffic any worse than it is now.

The next Glenmont Exchange meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015

Minutes submitted by Dorinda Danneman, Secretary.