

June 1, 2009 City Council Work Session Notes

Outcomes: Council President Louise Smith directed Tom Hehman to appoint members to a Joint Task Force to consider the Library's request to acquire Lot #10, and report back to City Council no later than August.

Following the Council Session, some members of the Building Committee met for a de brief back at the Library, with these outcomes:.

Charge: The Joint Task Force's charge is to gather information and respond to the issues and questions raised by Council members at the June 1 meeting, and report back to Council at a work session no later than August in order to facilitate the Council's decision on the Library's request to acquire Parking Lot #10.

Task Force Members:

City

Salisbury Mayor Jim Ireton

City Council President Louise Smith

City Administrator John Pick **(added at his request)**

Karen Reddersen, Assistant City Administrator (parking lots) **(also added at John Pick's request)**

City & County

City/County Planner Jack Lenox

County

Acting County Public Works Director John Redden

Community

Realtor Brad Gillis

Urban Salisbury Chair Bruce Patterson

Library

Library Director Tom Hehman

Deputy Library Director Vicki Greene

Library Building Committee Chair Valerie Murphy

Library Building Committee member Marvin Long

Library Building Committee member Leslie Hayes Russo

Marv will brief Jack Lennox, Bruce Patterson and John Redden on the Task Force and their role as members.

Questions and issues regarding developing a new Main Library on Lot #10 include:

Parking

- Can City retain parking rights and sell air rights for development
- What is the capacity of Lot #10, permits and meters
- Who are permit holders
- What is the revenue to the City from Lot #10
- What about parking for Court?
- What is the projected impact on the City's Parking Lot #10 revenue
- What would be the net impact on Downtown parking

Traffic: Possible impact on Downtown traffic patterns

Subsequent Development : What follows post-Library construction development

Usage patterns

- What would be impact on anyone who currently walks to the Library from SU, PRMC and Camden Ave., as well as Newtown and Church Street

Economic impact

- What would be the impact of a library relocation on current businesses such as Parker Place

Urban Salisbury

- Would Urban Salisbury endorse this library relocation in light of their Downtown streetscape plans, just endorsed by City Council

Property Appraisal

- What is the fair market value of Lot #10
- Can the present Library and site be traded to the City for use as a City Hall
- John Pick said the Library should have the Library site appraised and the City should have Parking Lot #10 appraised. Differences of opinion can be discussed.

Alternate sites: What other five sites are or were being considered

Process

- The Task Force will meet in late June and mid-July, at a date to be determined, meeting time 4:00 to 6:00 with a light dinner, with Melanie Hennigan and Julia Crawford in attendance. Joint Task Force meetings and the next City Council works session will feature detailed visual presentations.

Meetings

- The Joint Task Force is scheduled to report at the Monday, August 3, City Council Work Session. The Task Force will meet in late June and mid-July.