



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 13, 2016 Agenda Item 6

### **Work Session**

Discussion with architect Greg Lukmire regarding the most recent concept designs for Library renovation and expansion, submitted June 24, 2016.

### **Recommended Council Actions**

Discuss the two new options with the architect and pose questions as needed, leading to a Resolution to move forward on a preferred concept design at the July 27 Council Meeting, or to direct the architect to further revise the concept drawings.

### **Context with Key Issues**

At their regular meeting on January 27, 2016, the Council voted to defer a decision on the most recent Library design concept for several months, pending further review and discussion.

To assist their review, the architect submitted a 'menu of design options,' evaluated on the basis of construction cost and total and usable square footage, and including illustrations and analysis.

On April 6, 2016, prior to their regular Council Meeting, the Council toured the proposed renovation/expansion site with the architect and members of the public.

At their April 13, 2016 Work Session, the Council proposed that the architect be directed to further revise the proposed concept drawing, with a view toward possible additional expansion and a more attractive exterior design, which were favored by some Council members. Council recommendations included possible additional expansion toward Philadelphia and Maple Avenues, enclosure of the area above the Police parking lot that was closest to the Community Center, and expansion of room for collections, especially for young adults.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All; Fiscally Sustainable Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community; Engaged, Responsive and Service-oriented Government.

### **Environmental Impact of Action**

Council is concerned with the preservation of City facilities, through economically and environmentally sustainable means. The Library building is more than 60 years old, with systems that are inefficient, failing, and out of compliance with current requirements and standards. The Library requires a plan of action to preserve its life as a City facility and a Department serving Takoma Park residents.

**Fiscal Impact of Action**

\$400,000 is included in the FY 17 CIP – General Fund for detailed design development, engineering, and related preparation for Library renovation. An additional \$29,750 is proposed to be transferred from the FY 16 CIP by Budget Amendment for this purpose.

**Attachments and Links**

View the new concept designs and a virtual walkthrough on the [Library Renovation Project Page](#) (Scroll down the project page to see the July 7, 2016 update.)