



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 31, 2018 Agenda Item 8

Work Session

Update on Library Renovation Project

Recommended Council Action

None – discussion only.

Context with Key Issues

City staff have been working with Greg Lukmire of RRMM Lukmire Associates on refinement of plans for the renovation and expansion of the Takoma Park, Maryland Library. Staff will present an overview of where we are in the planning process, issues that are arising as engineering investigations are proceeding, options for improvements as the space intersects with the Recreation Department and existing bathrooms, and an update on efforts to pursue additional funding from the State of Maryland.

Council Priority

A Livable Community For All

Environmental Impact of Action

Update only. However, we expect that the Library construction and renovations will meet the highest green standards. Some aspects of construction may have negative environmental impacts, but those impacts are not yet known.

Fiscal Impact of Action

Update only. The City has borrowed \$7 million for Library and Community Center renovations. The City received a Bond Bill (grant) of \$150,000 from the State of Maryland last year. The cost of the project will not be able to be closely estimated until detailed design work is completed.

Racial Equity Impact of Action

Update only. Constuction and expansion of the Library will allow for increased access to books, resources and programming for Ward 4 (85.1% people of color, per the 2010 Census) and all other residents, particularly recent immigrants, young adults, and people of color.