

Career Center Working Group
Library Subcommittee Meeting
April 10, 2018

Attendees:

- Lander Allin
 - Theresa Flynn
 - Gale Koritansky
 - Betty Siegel
 - Nancy Birnbaum
 - Kathleen McSweeney
 - Sarah Johnson
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Staff Responses

Gale walked through the staff responses (see attached)

- The information about costs for Shirlington and Westover libraries included the colocations with Signature Theater and the Children's School
 - The firm that built Shirlington also built the Prince William libraries listed
- The best comparisons to the Columbia Pike library are in Fairfax County (Pohick and Tysons-Pimmit libraries)
 - Col Pike Library is 20K sq ft
 - Question: Gale to find out how much sq ft would they like
 - Response: No more than 25k sqft
- Columbia Pike library has received paint and carpeting within last two years
- Parking is an issue at this Library
 - The dedicated spaces for the library are not labelled as such and only say "2 hours parking." All other space on the site is permitted.
 - Concern that when the site grows there will be need for additional staff and student parking.
 - Other Arlington libraries have parking issues but those are easier to address:
 - Shirlington has some parking issues but it's with Harris Teeter and other businesses
 - Westover has some issues in the morning (they have the largest story time)
 - Central does not have parking issues

- Community needs were reiterated:
 - Meeting space
 - Same amenities at Central
 - Meeting space (auditorium at Central always booked)
 - Multipurpose space
 - Larger children's areas and tables
 - Programming that serves growing population on the Pike
- Arguments against previous proposals to move library from this location included that the branch location was good for the ES kids to use (didn't have to cross any main street)
 - Theresa said that Patrick Henry ES has a robust collection; students liked going to the library for the change of scenery and readers
 - Gale said that preschools usually go to the public libraries for special programs
 - County librarians go to schools to provide programming
- Preference is to keep the library in place until new space ready
 - Question: Will it be possible for the library to remain open while the school is under construction? Specifically, will HVAC, electricity and other systems be impacted?
- If the library had to be moved temporarily before its new space is ready, the relocation would need to be visible and within walking distance of the current location
 - Renting or leasing office space may be an option
 - Some of the ECDC space used to be occupied by Strayer University. Is there possible space to use there? Is it possible to have other county offices in the space (would own instead of lease)

2. Update on ECDC property

- At the joint Work session, Kathleen needs to recommend that the land be acquired or leased to own as soon as possible
- The County assigned a POC to speak with ECDC. Henceforth, those discussions will not be shared publicly.
- A community member shared that ECDC was interested in co-development and that it was interested in entering a contractual relationship as soon as possible.
 - Question: How many parking spaces is APS leasing from ECDC?

3. Preparation for the 4/12 CCWG Meeting

- The charge says that the subcommittee should give some info on cost estimates
 - Because of escalation costs, whatever estimates provided would be outdated
- Presentation content:
 - Principles (as discussed at last meeting and the swing space suggestion)
 - Long-term vision to be on Columbia Pike
 - Underground parking needed (no bldgs have been built on the pike w/o underground parking)
 - Have a slide with the info shared by Gale/Matt for ideas about costs (attached)