Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 12 pm. Present: Jack Miles, Marjorie Thomas, John Caron.

Absent
David Lamm, Miguel DeArcos

Public Comment
The following public comments were made:

Elizabeth Bosserman, 818 Antonette Avenue, stated the property should be kept in city hands. She understood the city was strong financially so items such as open space or coworking should be considered.

Wade Miller, 1520 Glencoe Avenue, commented on the Historical Museum and total parking at the Farmer’s Market.

Carolyn Cooper, 1047 McKean Circle, asked about the Historical Museum and if it could use the stage at the library.

Linda Kulmann, 259 E. Canton Avenue, stated the Historical Museum has additional items they’d like to show in a permanent space, and could be organized decade by decade.

Gloria Hill, 1500 Mizell Avenue said that if there was space at the library for the Historical Museum, she would make the trip as part of a circuit through downtown.

Michael Perelman, 1010 Greentree Drive asked about the Historical Museum’s cost of additional space and exhibitions.

Todd Weaver, 1051 Lake Bell Drive, asked about the Historical Museum and if there was any synergy between their current archival function and the library’s.

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Marjorie Thomas to approve the June 19, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Jack Miles. Motion passes 3-0.
New Business

A. Discussion with Winter Park Historical Association – Peter Moore, Division Director, introduced Susan Skofield, Executive Director of the Winter Park History Museum. Mr. Moore stated that the committee has discussed several uses for the site including conversations with nonprofits. Ms. Skofield introduced herself and shared information regarding the organization. She stated a preference for their existing location, but wanted to entertain other opportunities for space. She stated that in an ideal world their request would total 2500 feet of museum space; 1000 feet for a permanent exhibition, 1000 feet for a rotating exhibit space currently located at the Farmer’s Market, and 500 feet for exhibition work space and meeting room. The board asked about the use of their existing space and relationship to it with other spaces and organizations including the Winter Park Library. Ms. Skofield responded by saying they have looked at opportunities to partner with other organizations in the past. She was additionally asked about existing parking. She stated there were two dozen parking spaces on the Farmer’s Market site but agreed they were all public. She stated the Historical Museum receives 17,000 visitors per year. Additional discussion ensued regarding cost of additional exhibits, functionality of space at the library, and resident and tourist benefit.

B. Review and discussion – Peter Moore, Division Director, introduced City Manager Randy Knight stating the board discussed municipal use options in the past. Mr. Knight stated that there is not a need for additional space for City Hall to function. He mentioned that moving City Hall and allowing some retail development at the current site along Park Avenue would be good for economic health of the district but that any relocation would likely be a sensitive topic and be controversial. He additionally discussed potential relationships between City Hall and the library including previous discussions held by the community around land use, function, and cost. The board asked about several topics including the health of the City Hall building, parking structures at the City Hall site, moving some functions of City Hall to the library, and financial costs of options for renovation. Mr. Knight responded to each question and commented again that there was no preconceived notion of what to do with the site. Additional discussion ensued.

Peter Moore, Division Director, updated the board on outstanding issues including stakeholder input. He asked the board if they would like staff to issue a solicitation to see if there were any other interested parties on the site. The board stated their preference to not issue a formal solicitation and continue to use communication tools to receive input. They also agreed that a summary outline and draft preferences should be developed by the next meeting for discussion.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:23pm.