Old Library Site Task Force
Minutes

September 11, 2019 at 12 pm
Winter Park City Hall, Chapman Room
401 Park Avenue South | Winter Park, Florida

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. Present: David Lamm, Miguel DeArcos, Marjorie Thomas, John Caron, and Jack Miles.

Absent
None

Public Comment
The following public comments were made:

Michael Perelman, 1010 Greentree Drive, thanked staff for their work with the task force and stated that the Exchange proposal from the prior meeting may be too adventurous and dramatic and may have elements that are too difficult to practically implement, such as the rooftop venue.

Mary Jane Williams, address in Winter Springs, said that she used to live in Winter Park and that she would love to see space for artists and painters and perhaps studio concepts. As well as the provision of meeting space for art groups to come together or to perform and present.

Terry Bryant, 1831 Windsor Drive, said that childcare facilities are consistent with arts and culture and education clusters in the area and that she likes the idea of kids and education.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes for both the August 14th and August 28th meeting were approved together. Motion was made by Jack Miles and seconded by John Caron. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business
A. Presentation from Winter Park Day Nursery – Peter Moore, Division Director, introduced Ali DeMarla the Executive Director of the Winter Park Day Nursery and Fred Szydlak, board member, and thanked them for coming and presenting to the Task Force. Ms. DeMarla explained the history of the organization, the breakdown of their services, and structure of support. She mentioned that their current location at 5,000 SF has constrained their ability
to offer childcare services to all those that apply and that they often have a waiting list that exceeds their entire current capacity. Right now they serve 64 children from families that either work or live in Winter Park. Additionally their current space is aging and they are trying to determine whether to renovate or look for new space. Ideally, they would like to have about 10,000 SF of space with outside area for a playground. They would be willing to lease renovated space within the old library or would do a capital campaign to raise their own funds to build-to-suit on the library site. This could be done in cooperation with other non-profit partners. They stated that they did not need to own the underlying land and would potentially consider a ground lease. They also mentioned that they had spoken with the Winter Park Playhouse, some time ago, about partnering on a facility because their high demand times were very different and they could realize some parking synergies. They stated that overall, they are flexible, and wanted to make sure that the community was aware of their need. The members of the Task Force asked questions about current parking capacity, potential partnership with Welbourne Day Nursery, and their ability to rebuild on their existing site.

B. Discussion of Draft Portions of the Final Report – Peter Moore, Division Director, walked through draft portions of the final report and asked the Task Force to clarify or recommend changes on any portions presented. The Task Force asked for varying changes such as creating an executive summary, working on the flow of the document, assigning portions to the appendix, and clarifying their specific recommendations. Staff agreed to make changes to the document and email back to them for comment. Staff mentioned that they would have a more complete document available for the final meeting on September 25th.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

[Signatures]

Task Force Representative

Board Liaison, Peter Moore