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PRESS RELEASE

CITY SEEKS IDEAS FOR FUTURE USE OF THE CURRENT LIBRARY SITE

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally-recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (July 24, 2019) The City of Winter Park is actively working with its world-class design team to build the Winter Park Canopy, the city's new library & events center. The Canopy will be built on the northwest corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park where the former Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center once stood, and is expected to be completed in 2021. With the Winter Park Public Library also moving to this new location, it creates new opportunities for the future use of the current library site located at 460 E. New England Ave.

In March 2019, the City Commission approved the formation of the Old Library Site Reuse Task Force consisting of five members. The task force, city staff and the public have been meeting twice a month since April 24. The city is seeking suggestions from individuals, organizations, community partners, and interested parties for potential uses or partnership suggestions for the property.

The current 33,000-square-foot library will become vacant in approximately two years upon the construction of the new Winter Park Canopy. The current library sits on 1.75 acres and is located in downtown Winter Park just east of Park Avenue along Lyman and Fairbanks avenues.

If you would like to share ideas for uses of the current library site with the task force, please make plans to attend the task force meetings or email OldLibrarySite@cityofwinterpark.org. A schedule of the Old Library Reuse Task Force meetings as well as all public meetings can be found at cityofwinterpark.org/bpm.

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