

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 03-047

Approving a Preferred Site for a New Library Branch at New Columbia in North Portland and Directing Staff to Prepare a Preliminary Planning Proposal under Procedures Provided in Resolution 02-136

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. North Portland was formerly served by four library branches until two branches were closed due to budget cuts in 1975 and 1981.
- b. The neighborhoods of North Portland between the St. Johns Library and the North Portland Library branches are currently underserved.
- c. Beginning in November, 2000, Library staff has investigated 19 potential sites for a new library to serve this area.
- d. Two public meetings were held with the community to discuss potential sites.
- e. Library staff recommends that the Board approve a Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) site at the New Columbia as the preferred site for purposes of preparation of a Preliminary Planning Proposal under Resolution 02-136.
- f. Columbia Villa has historically been isolated from the rest of the community. The New Columbia development will replace Columbia Villa and will include up to 850 households in a mixed income community with a range of public housing, homeownership and rental opportunities.
- g. The Hope VI Grant obtained by HAP to replace and revitalize Columbia Villa includes funds for HAP to construct a building shell for lease to the County for a library.
- h. Resolution 02-136 provides for a procedure for major facilities capital projects. The investigation of sites for a new library commenced before the Board adopted Resolution 02-136. Under Resolution 02-136 it is necessary for a Preliminary Planning Proposal to be prepared and approved by the Board in order for the project to proceed to further.
- i. The Board finds that the Preliminary Planning Proposal for this project should be prepared and presented for Board review based on a lease of the New Columbia site.

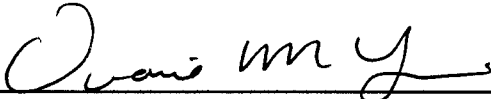
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board approves the New Columbia site as the preferred site for purposes of preparation of Preliminary Planning Proposal for a new library in north Portland.
2. Library and Facilities Management staff is directed to prepare a Preliminary Planning Proposal in accordance with Resolution 02-136 for review by the Board.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2003.




BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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