



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 6/29/17
 Agenda Item #: R.1
 Est. Start Time: 9:40 am approx.
 Date Submitted: 6/21/17

Resolution Adopting the Multnomah County Library Space Planning Framework

Requested

Meeting Date: June 29, 2017 Time Needed: 45 minutes

Department: Multnomah County Library District Division: Chair's Office

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Vailey Oehlke, Brian Wilson (Community Action Committee) David Schnee, Jill Eyres (Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning LLC); Public testimony provided by Merris Sumrall, Kevin S. Thomas, Jack McNichol, and Sonja MacKenzie

Presenters: MacKenzie

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve a Resolution to adopt the Multnomah County Library Space Planning Framework; direct the implementation of the framework.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Public libraries everywhere are in a time of rapid change and transformation. Over the past year, the library engaged in a comprehensive process to shape a facilities vision to address our growing population and shifting demographics. Multnomah County Library's library spaces total just 260,000 square feet, a rate of just over 0.3 square feet per capita. Other Oregon library systems offer up to three times that amount per capita.

All 19 Multnomah County libraries, plus library office and storage space, would fit into Seattle's downtown library. Growth projections show an increase of population to more than 910,000 in Multnomah County by 2035. Demographic data show increasing needs in east Portland and east Multnomah County, which offers just 25% of total library space, yet is home to 40% of residents. To address these and many more challenges, the library is presenting a framework to prioritize and guide next steps.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

Approval of the Framework has no fiscal impact. Implementation planning will include models for costs, funding, timelines and staging of projects to achieve the Framework's

recommendations.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Through the planning process, the library engaged nearly 4,000 residents, community leaders, partner agencies, educators and nonprofits for input and carefully reviewed use patterns, demographic data and industry best practices. A Community Action Committee, made up of nearly three dozen community stakeholders, were involved throughout the year. Focus groups with 13 nonprofits and community organizations serving communities of color and other underrepresented communities informed the results. In addition, a community-wide survey and public meetings offered the opportunity for over 1,700 residents to weigh in. Implementation of this framework will continue to involve community engagement.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/ Nancy Bennett

Date:

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