

Reston Town Center North Community Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Team: Jenifer and Jessica

Library Feedback

- More paper books and reference books
- Do not use Metro Center as the temporary location, possibly use Cameron Glen or Simon Center.
- Make sure the temporary/new location is in close proximity to the current location and is walkable, including bike trail access and bike racks.
- Set up a smoking area away from the entrance at temporary and new location.
- Have the temporary building in place and running before demolition of the old library.
- Look at using empty office space in Reston Town Center for the temporary location. If not, ensure it's located in greater Reston at large.
- Make sure Information Technology is up to date and available at temporary location.
- Wants a 2-story Library structure
- Wants more power outlets
- The Wi-Fi Bar and more outlets will draw teens in, instead of a separate teen area, maybe a teen café.
- Include flexible, reconfigurable space for future use, no static rooms only meant for one purpose.
- Focus on safety, especially for children. Wants County services, including wrap-around services if shelter is in close proximity. Increased concern of parking lot safety if it's located underground.
- Include temporary parking for quick book return.
- Include a loading dock for intersystem operations and an automated book return modeled after Loudon County systems.
- Outdoor non-smoking spaces
- Uninterrupted services (in regards to temporary library.)
- The 90,000 Square Footage for the proposed library is that just the floor plan or does it include air space?
- Is the County the owner of housing as well?
- What does the 39,000 square foot number mean? Will it accommodate more materials, staff, rooms, etc.? What is in the Comprehensive Plan?
- Will the future library accommodate future growth?
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Shelter Feedback

- Use Cameron Glen as temporary location
- Focus on safety
- Sufficient shower and restroom space in the new facility
- Include wrap around services with the library.
- Include youth programs.
- Consider using retail space for a thrift shop.
- Include social work staff at library for shelter residents.
- Hold focus groups with shelter residents.
- Include temporary storage for residents so they do not need to lose all their belongings.
- Have a way to address homeless with pets.
- Address transportation from Metro to RTCN to include access to shelter and library.
- Will shelter need parking?
- Will parking be free for both shelter and library?
- Will shelter have Wi-Fi or job placement, financial services?
- Who will pay for the library, where is the \$10 million bond money?
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Overall Project Feedback

- Include affordable space for small businesses start-ups and entrepreneurs.
- Use the Reston Town Center model.
- Consider rooftop gardens on the library and other structures.
- Include incubator/maker space to be used by both professionals and schools.
- Park space should be increased.
- A need for a more specific timeline, when decisions will be made, and share on the website.
- Common set of principles for overall design (www.pps.org)
- Rezone entire property vs. just 7&8
- Central green is too small
- Can we amend guidelines to build a bigger library?
- Integrating wireless communities into the development of the design before rather than after.

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- Block 4 is a Fairfax County Park/Garden, what will happen to it; will it be relocated and possibly become a community garden?
- Are there plans for an urban-type elementary school or middle school?
- Are the parcels active 7 days a week? (Concerned about areas looking like ghost towns on the weekends)
- Are the beds at the shelter based on current or projected data?
- In the comprehensive plan, are there ratios between commercial/residential?
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