

**Work Session  
November 1, 2016**

**Present:** D. Bjerkness, K. Kolodge, S. Langley, R. Maki, J. Rock, L. Wilkinson, Mayor Hallback

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** J. Barclay, C. Peterson, N. Klassen

**Other:** Library Board Members: T. Anderson, L. Anderson, A. Holm, M. Lukkarila, A. Bottila,  
C. Rikkola, M. Ahlgren; J. Lund, Pine Journal

**Joint Meeting with Library Board**

- City Administrator Fritsinger stated the goal of tonight's meeting is for review of the activities that have taken place in regards with the process and next steps of the facilities project since the last joint meeting in April of 2016. At that time, it was agreed that the next step was the development of a sketch plan.
- Ms. Lukkarila gave an overview of the McGriff Study which concluded the need for larger spaces for teens, community meeting and activity rooms, improved building environment for technology use, and collection displays. This study is viewed as a "community living room". Meets the needs from community members from all walks of life.
- Mr. Fritsinger reviewed the BKV Study that prioritized City projects showing the new CAFD facility as the first priority and library as priority #4.
- Discussion of Senior Center aspect being included in the plan. What are the long term uses of the library and what other possible tenants can be included in the sketch plan?
- It was noted that timing and funding could have an impact on the priority schedule.
- Conversation on what other options are available for a Senior Center site. Usage of the current location shows that senior transportation is an issue. All options need to be reviewed before including the Senior Center at the library is made final. What other programs can be available for seniors at the Senior Center?
- Discussion on library being used by other community members and the possible benefit as funding through the Arrowhead region.
- Council and Library Board/Library Foundation members agreed that the Library Board could move forward with discussion with the architect for the development of a sketch plan; more time needed evaluating optional sites for the Senior Center; discussion with AEOA and reaching out to legislative on what opportunities exist for this project. Possibly look at the land and property connection which could add potential parking or for connection to Garfield.

**Future Work Session Agenda Items**

- EDA downtown revitalization discussion with Holly Butcher.
- Discussion of 2017 Parks Projects.
- Meeting with Community Education, Ruth Reeves.
- Status of strategic plan review of existing issues and looking ahead in 2017.
- Discussion of conditions of streets, roads, sidewalks and what our MSA money looks like and pavement management plan.
- Agreed to continue with department head updates, possibly scheduling them more frequently. Suggestion to schedule the CAFD at well. Mr. Kolodge stated the CAFD Board does not get coverage on CAT-7.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Fritsinger  
City Administrator