



Oak Lodge Library Land Discussion

Thursday, February 9, 2023

5:30 p.m., Zoom

Meeting Summary

ATTENDEES

Members of Concord Advisory Task Force, Library Advisory Board and NCPRD District Advisory Committee

Grover Bornefeld	Deborah Bokowski	Nancy Eichsteadt
Anatta Blackmarr	Muciri Gatimu	Mark Elliot
Kim Parmon	Dominic Cortinas	Kristi Switzer
Gary Bokowski	Doug Jones	David Gilman
Ron Campbell		

County Representatives

Commissioner Paul Savas	Jessica Stead	Sarah Eckman
Mitzi Olson	Cindy Becker	Jeff Munns
Mike Bork	Jason Varga	Ellen Rogali

Overview

Cindy Becker explained that the purpose of the meeting is to seek stakeholder input, not to come up with a recommendation or consensus, on whether the land under the Oak Lodge library should be purchased or leased. (The library is owned by Clackamas County; the land on which it will be built is owned by North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District [NCPRD]). She will share comments from the meeting with the Board of Commissioners to inform future deliberations.

The “door swings both ways”:

- From the standpoint of the library -- if the property were leased, could a possible future independent NCPRD or city decide they don't want the library in that location?
- From the standpoint of NCPRD -- if the property were purchased, could the county someday decide to use the library building for a function that's incompatible with the NCPRD?

Key points: To lease or purchase or....? General Comments from Committee Members

- Agreement that whatever is decided should not delay construction
- Make sure the amount of park land is not reduced
- Some prefer leasing; most appeared to support purchasing
- Two purchase options were discussed: traditional and condominium plat. Some preferred the condominium option because it only involves the land directly under the structure.
- Since NCPRD received the property at a reduced price, any sale should be at a reduced price.
- Whatever is worked out should be fair to both the County and NCPRD.
- Have language in either a lease or purchase agreement that addresses their respective concerns.
- By starting with a short-term lease while the County works out the process to purchase the property, the construction timeline could keep moving forward (County Counsel)

Note: the recording of the meeting can be found at https://youtu.be/6LIV_4OCIDA