



Site Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024 | 9-10:30 am

Site Selection Committee Members: Jeff Gerken, Mindy Honey, Holly Cox, Howard Kitchen, Jeff Long, Jesse Wright, Jonas Arjes, Nick Guevel, Reaenne Presley, Essy Day

Attendance: Jeff Gerken, Mindy Honey, Essy Day, Raeanne Presley, Howard Kitchen, Essy Day, Holly Cox, Jesse Wright

Absent: Jonas Arjes, Nick Guevel

1. Call the meeting to order, Establishment of Quorum
 - a. Jeff Gerken called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.
2. Visitor's Comments (Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person with a limit of 15 minutes.)
 - a. None
3. New Business
 - a. Introduction of committee members
 - i. Committee members introduced themselves
 - b. Mission of the committee
 - i. Jeff described the scope of the work. He explained he would like to have the committee select three sites for the library board to consider. Key points in selecting a site includes: Must be within Branson/Hollister School District and easily accessible.
 - ii. Jeff shared he and Mindy met with Brad McKenzie, an architect with Sapp Architects, for advice and guidance.
 - iii. Jeff explained the process that has happened transitioning from a private library to public library and now the board is ready to begin working to find a site or building for the new facility.
 - iv. Brad McKenzie has made himself available Dec. 10 for next meeting

- v. Jeff shared he would like to send out a survey to taxpayers in the district to find out what they want
 - vi. Jeff shared key points what the committee will be looking for: 30,000 square feet approximately; no old theaters because of challenges and weight of collection; keep in mind need for plenty of parking; 4-9 acres depending on lay of land; room for expansion; usability of land.
 - vii. Jeff explained that county library board was gifted the Taneyhills Library building and collection, which is Library Center of the Ozarks' current facility. He also talked about the challenges of the current facility.
 - viii. Essy talked about the work that has been done to make the current facility more usable. Essy also shared about usage and services provided.
 - ix. Jeff responded to questions about timeline and shared he would like to see the site selection committee make a selection as efficiently as possible and likely will take approximately a year.
- c. Establish standing date and time for meetings
 - i. Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 11-12:30 pm at Library Center of the Ozarks
 - d. Meeting Adjourned at 10:03 a.m.