

Chevy Chase Library LAC Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2019
10:00 am – 11:00

In Attendance:

Meir Wolf
Jules Lichtenstein
Patrice Yao (President)
Chris Borawski (Branch Manager)
Lindsey Hundt (Acting Secretary)
Mike Wallace - absent

Members greeted Chris and introduced themselves, gave personal backgrounds.

Old Business

The status of the renovation is the principle topic of concern.

Jules mentioned that he and Lynn created a power point presentation of other branch renovations. It may be on the Chevy Chase SharePoint file; if not Lynn Lichtenstein has it, possibly on a thumb drive.

The structural problem ppt that Lindsey created is on the CC SharePoint file.

Refresh Update from LAC President: Patrice contacted Angelisa; Angelisa said “they are still working on it.” Angelisa will send projected timeline. They are expecting to Questions:

1. When can LAC solicit feedback from community members?
2. When will DGS present the engineering assessment and a recommendation of whether or not CC will be a teardown/rebuild or a refresh? If a teardown/rebuild, when will that happen? If teardown/rebuild, will the project go in a different budget and if so what is the budget?

“Refreshing” is largely cosmetic and CC has serious structural problems.

3. If CC becomes a rebuild, can temporary cosmetic changes occur before a rebuild begins?

DGS intends to conduct facility assessment this month or next month (January and February 2019.) If DGS decides on a refresh rather than a teardown, the tentative timeline is:

Jan-Feb 2019	Engineering assessment
Feb- April 2019	Planning
Nov 19-Mar 2020	Design
Oct-Nov 2020	Bids solicited
Dec 2020 – May 2021	Construction

Regarding CC’s structural problems, the FOL visited the problematic boiler

Lindsey's ppt showed visual damage but there may be more involved than is showing up. Also, there are ADA issues in downstairs meeting room. A person with a disability cannot get out of the basement if the elevator is not working because there is no ramp leading out of the basement exit.

Angelisa attended the last FOL meeting. But, a suggestion was made the Andrew Friedson (District 1 County Council member), Mat Higgins, Mr. Friedson's legislative aide and Rose Hacking, Mr. Friedson's aide for cultural affairs attend LAC and FOL meetings to listen to concerns regarding refresh versus rebuild from LAC and public.

Meir suggested to Mr. Friedson that he could get involved in the building project of CC. Also Meir is acquainted with David Dice who remains the DGS Department Jules asked Meir about the renovation of the Bethesda Writers' Center. Meir also was involved in the rebuilt of the Lawton Community Center. Meir stated that David is very helpful in moving projects along. Meir suggested that the LAC develop a list of pressure points of high priority items for Chris to take to Angelisa.

*Can MCPL create a list of talking points for the LAC and branch staff to use regarding refresh status?

*Is there a template for acquiring community feedback? What did other libraries do before their refreshes?

LoriBeth Spector, of the CC staff, has a list of listserves she uses to disseminate information to the community about CC library activities. Maybe the same lists can be used to publicize refresh or rebuild information.

New Business

What is the status of the two applicants?

What is LAC Relationship to FOL?

Patrice and Judy Maguire will discuss the money piece.

FOL is the fund raising group

LAC is the recommendation and community mouthpiece

Is there a FOL liaison to the Board? Jules will be in this role unofficially.

There were 15 good, new people at the FOL meeting

New LAC applicants are in the works:

Barbara Levitt

Brian Oliver

When will new Library Director be announced? Nationwide search is underway.

Three Directorships need to be filled by Mr. Elrich.

Action items

*Chris will continue to try to get more definitive information from Angelisa about the status of the engineering report

*Chris will get list of listservs from LoriBeth for use of the LAC

*Chris will find out if LAC can start an Instagram or other social media account for the purpose of community engagement with the refresh/rebuild.

*Patrice will speak to Judy Maguire about the FOL financially supporting the LAC recommendations

Unassigned: who will invite Mr. Fried son and staff to the next LAC meeting?

Next meeting Friday, March 15 from 10 – 11

Where the agenda will be using social media and/or other means to engage the community in the building project.

Lindsey Hundt
Acting Secretary
April 3, 2019