

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MARCH 9, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL
2. MEET WITH METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE MARIE MCCARTHY
3. DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING SPACE NEEDS
4. UPDATE ON RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY PROJECT
5. OTHER ISSUES
6. ADJOURNMENT

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM: TERRY SCHWERM
CITY MANAGER**

DATE: MARCH 5, 2015

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING SPACE NEEDS

A few weeks ago, staff was contacted by Tom Lemke from the Shoreview Northern Lights Variety band requesting a meeting with the City Council to discuss facility space needs of various Shoreview based community organizations. A meeting was recently held with the Variety Band, Shoreview Historical Society, Shoreview-Einhausen Sister City Association, and Gallery 96 Art Center to review their facility needs. Based on this meeting, the attached report titled "Shoreview Community Arts Cooperative" was prepared. The report briefly discusses the history of these community organizations and also identifies some of the facility needs that they feel are important to their future growth and development.

Representatives from these organizations plan to attend the workshop meeting to review the report with the City Council.

Shoreview Community Arts Cooperative

Objective:

The objective of this cooperative is to strengthen the synergism among Shoreview community organizations and identify current and future needs in order to guarantee their continued successful existence in the event of future construction and/or building projects within the City of Shoreview.

History:

Currently, four community organizations are active in the city of Shoreview: Gallery 96, Shoreview Einhausen Sister City Association (SESCA), Shoreview Historical Society and Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band. These groups provide outreach to the community and have contributed to building a stronger city with better quality of life. Through providing entertainment, cultural growth and education, they strive to preserve the history, traditions and culture of Shoreview while bringing citizens together and building a stronger community bond.

Cumulatively, 100's of citizens within these groups have served thousands of their fellow citizens. The histories of the Shoreview community groups are long and strong as they have been active between 15 to 23 years. As a whole, these groups strongly appreciate the support that the City of Shoreview has historically provided both financially and through access to community space for meetings and activities when needed.

Most of Shoreview's community organizations continue to grow in size and magnitude of activity and have reached the point where their continued existence and success rely on fulfilling several needs including: additional storage space, meeting and office space, performance space and display areas. If these areas of concern remain unaddressed, these organizations will undoubtedly cease to grow and will likely experience a downfall.

Leaders from each Shoreview community organization and a theater organization that is interested in possibly relocating to Shoreview (Coon Rapids Community Players) recently met as a cooperative to address these concerns. The cooperative reviewed needs and desires for effectively continuing to provide outreach, entertainment and education to the Shoreview community and surrounding area.

As many of the city staff and council are aware, all of these groups are lacking in a place to really call home. Board and organizational meetings are currently held at members' houses or other off site locations. Most of them use personal or home mailing addresses or have Post Office Boxes as a convenience in other cities. All the groups lack appropriate storage, preservation and work space. Currently, important artifacts, equipment and records for all these groups are stored all over the city and county in houses, rental storage spaces and school closets. The chance of damaging or losing these expensive or irreplaceable items grows without proper centralized storage space.

Following is a short outline of the individual needs for each group to continue to succeed:

Gallery 96:

- Display space for exhibits that can be opened to the public
- Proper exhibit lighting
- Storage space for supplies and art
- Purposed art room with sinks and utilities for classes and creation

Shoreview Einhausen Sister City Association (SESCA)

- Meeting room space
- Secure storage space for files
- Office space

Shoreview Historical Society:

- Centralized storage space for records and larger artifacts
- Office area for file cabinets
- Office space for office work
- Display space for historical displays

Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band:

- Large band room that could accommodate regular and more frequent rehearsals for both large and small groups.
- Large storage space to accommodate safe storage of band equipment in one location (aprox. 20 X 20)
- Office space with an area for music assembly and file cabinet storage
- Performance auditorium with seating for 350 people

Future Shoreview Theatrical Group(Coon Rapids Community Players):

Coonrapidscommunityplayers.com

- Performance space (350 seat auditorium)
- Scene shop
- Dressing rooms and makeup area
- Storage apace for props, costumes, supplies, etc.

As is evident, there are common needs among several groups. Such needs could be met through sharing of common spaces as follows:

Shared or common space to accommodate all the organizations:

- Auditorium /performance space (350 seat)
- Shared or common office and conference room space
- Shared copier/scanner
- Common area for displays and gatherings
- Kitchen space for food preparation for social events

With some creative thinking between the city and all of the community groups we feel that an effective plan can be put together with the cooperation of each of these groups to jointly share and use much of this space.

We realize that there is a huge cost to putting together a facility of this size and caliber. We believe that with creative thinking and planning between the City of Shoreview, this Community Arts Cooperative, local businesses and grant opportunities, Shoreview could become home to a first class arts and community cooperative center that we would be proud of for many years and that would be used by many Shoreview and north metro area citizens. Such a center will put a brighter spotlight on Shoreview as a first class city.

List of example facilities in the metro area (alphabetical):

- Ames Center (Burnsville Arts Center)
- Bloomington Center for the Arts
- Hopkins Center for the Arts
- Merrill Community Arts Center (Woodbury)
- Minnetonka Center for the Arts
- Lakeville Area Arts Center

Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Tom Simonson
Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director
Date: March 6, 2015
Re: Ramsey County Update for Proposed New Shoreview Regional Library

Introduction

Ramsey County is planning for the construction of a new regional library to replace the existing Shoreview Library within the Shoreview Commons area, and would like to update the City Council at the March 9th workshop meeting. Ramsey County Library Director Susan Nemitz and Property Management Director Bruce Thompson will be present.

Background

The City has been working closely with Ramsey County on the new library project that is tentatively planned to start in late 2015. The County and City have purchased the residential properties at 805 and 795 Highway 96, respectively, to accommodate the construction of a new regional facility near the northeast corner of Highway 96 and Victoria Street and to the south of the existing building.



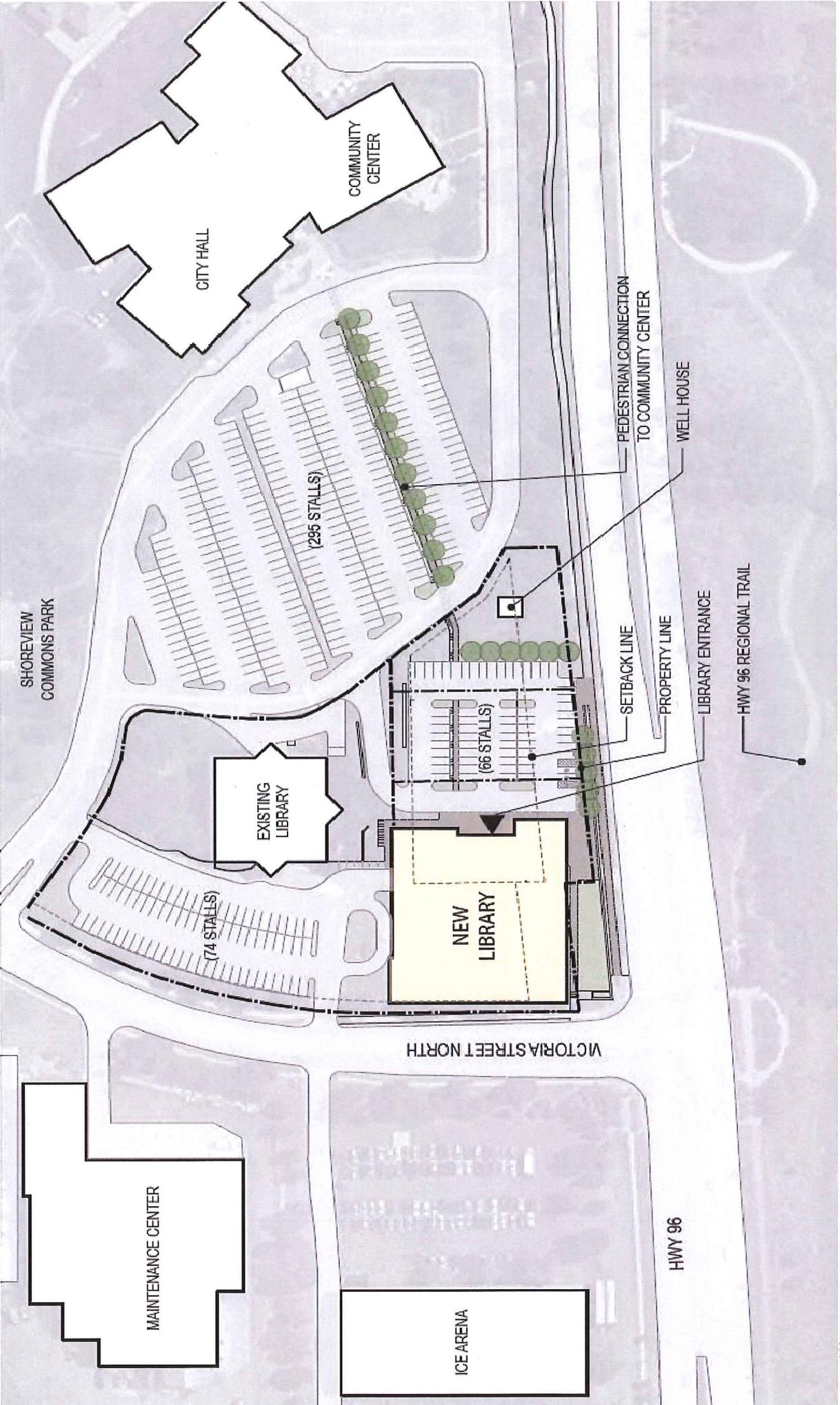
The City had donated the property where the existing library is located with a deed provision that if the County discontinued the use of the property as an operating library, the County must first offer the property back to the City for fair market value. The City Council recently declined the purchase option but reaffirmed that any re-use of the facility would need to be compatible with the other civic uses in the Shoreview Commons area. The Council also reserved purchasing

rights unless the re-purposing of the library building is for School District uses consistent with the surrounding public uses.

There have been discussions by Ramsey County with the Mounds View School District 621 about their potential interest in acquiring the library property for administrative offices and educational programs. Most recent, the School Board authorized a letter of intent to lease-purchase the building from Ramsey County subject to negotiating a final price.

At a workshop meeting on March 3rd, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners gave their preliminary support to move forward with the new regional library project based on successful completion of a lease-purchase agreement with the School District, with the proceeds being directed towards the building project now estimated at \$17 million.

According to Ramsey County officials, the schedule calls for a request for proposals and construction manager selection by June, 2015, with construction beginning by November, 2015. The existing library would continue to operate throughout the construction until closing in December, 2016 to move materials over to the new regional library for opening in January of 2017. It is expected that the Mounds View School District would take possession of the existing library building in early 2017, and then proceed with their plans for tenant improvements.



COMMUNITY CENTER

CITY HALL

SHOREVIEW COMMONS PARK

(295 STALLS)

EXISTING LIBRARY

(74 STALLS)

NEW LIBRARY

(66 STALLS)

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY CENTER

WELL HOUSE

SETBACK LINE

PROPERTY LINE

LIBRARY ENTRANCE

HWY 96 REGIONAL TRAIL

VICTORIA STREET NORTH

MAINTENANCE CENTER

ICE ARENA

HWY 96

FLOOR PLAN DIAGRAMS

