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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager 
Date: April 7, 2017
Re: Columbus Metropolitan Library Request to Hear Library Basic Plan on 4/24/17

Background

At Dublin City Council's March 20, 2017 meeting, the Columbus Metropolitan Library asked that the basic plan review for the Dublin Branch (Case 17-002ARB-BPR) be tabled and the City of Dublin asked that the basic plan review for the library parking garage (Case 17-003ARB-BPR) be tabled. Council voted 7-0 to table both plans at the request of the applicants.

Summary

Please see the attached letter from applicant Columbus Metropolitan Library CEO Patrick Losinski to remove the library basic plan from the table for consideration by Council at its April 24, 2017 meeting. Because the library and parking garage are complementary projects, staff representing the City as the applicant will be prepared to address the library parking garage basic plan at the April 24, 2017 meeting.

Recommendation

Staff recommends removing the library basic plan review and the library parking garage basic plan review from the table and placing both items on Council's April 24, 2017 agenda.

MEMORANDUM

To: Dana McDaniel, City Manager, City of Dublin
From: Patrick Losinski, CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Library
Date: March 24, 2017
RE: Dublin Branch Library Next Steps

Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is committed to continuing our many years of partnership with the City of Dublin to build a library for this vibrant community. Following presentations and discussions at City Council on March 6, 13 and 20, we propose the following next steps:

Week of April 3: Columbus Metropolitan Library issues a Dublin Update Information Sheet

This information sheet is an opportunity for CML to speak directly with Dublin citizens in order to address the many questions we have received yet have been unable to answer via the City Council meeting format. This sheet will be emailed to Dublin cardholders, made available on our website and in the branch. A link for comments will be included. We understand that the City of Dublin is interested in supporting this document and we are exploring ways in which the City can demonstrate that support.

April 24: Basic Plan Review of Library and City Parking Garage

In order to keep the library project moving forward we ask that City Council vote on the Basic Plan for both the library and the city's parking garage on April 24. Because of the extensive collaboration and negotiations that have occurred between CML (and its Board) and City of Dublin (and its City Council) in agreeing to this unique and complex public-public partnership, CML strongly requests that City Council remain as the reviewing body for any subsequent phases of required City development review and approval, and so designate itself at the April 24 meeting.

We've listened to the thoughtful community and Council commentary and are prepared to take the following steps in response to those comments:

1. Change base from brick to stone.

At Council's request we investigated amending the building's brick base to stone. We have found a solution we believe holds to the building's integrity and works. Cost for this change is an additional \$100,000 and we welcome Council's suggestions and advice on how that cost can be covered.

2. Change in sidewalk and landscape materials.

To set the building apart as a premier civic space and to better define the transition from historic to new, we have investigated a different type of sidewalk and landscaping materials. We welcome Council's input to these suggested changes.

3. Signature transition element.

It has been suggested that we develop a transition/design element that stands on the grounds of this civic space and that represents a transition of old to new. The library welcomes this

suggestion. Rather than quickly proscribing a solution to this opportunity, we'd like to more fully develop the concept through a public process. Through mindful stewardship and reflection, a "Dublin solution" will serve as a point of pride for years to come. Our recommendation is to take public comment and ideas, which are filtered up to a Steering Committee and to CML; CML would make the final decision if the best location for the element occurs on CML property. This transition element is currently unfunded and we welcome City Council's suggestions and advice on how it could be funded. Our CML team is reaching out today to City staff to map out a process and timeline for getting this effort completed.

CML continues to be committed to bringing a new 21st century library to the deserving residents of Dublin. But the project is substantially behind schedule; even this one month delay (from the tabling on March 20) has put us at risk of missing the 2017 construction season, and we continue to absorb escalation costs projected at \$65,000 per month in public dollars.

We believe the proposed modifications may be discussed and acted upon as part of the Basic Plan Review during City Council's scheduled meeting on April 24.

Thank you.