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Project: Hamline Midway Library Joint Use Study
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Present: Brad Bentcover; HM Coalition Ole Runquist; Neighbor
Carrie Pomeroy; Neighbor Samantha Henningson; Ward 4 Aide
Jun-Li Wang; HM Coalition Ben Grove; Neighbor
Connie Springer; Neighbor Dan Loritz; Hamline University
Kit Hadley; Incoming Library Director Debbie Willms; Library
Katrina Taylor; Hamline Midway Library Mark Wentzell; 292 design group
Roger Meyer; Meyer Consulting Pam Anderson; 292 design group

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1.	Quick introductions were made around the table and Roger reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting.		
2.	The first order of business was to discuss the latest news that the Hamline Midway Library will not be on the list of cuts by the mayor for 2010. Since additional stimulus dollars are available for fire, police, etc. there are additional general fund dollars that will be available to other departments, including the library. Kit noted that this does not change the overall charge of this committee which is to discuss how we envision library services in the future; this is a broader community issue. Russ also confirmed that while the Mayor's budget will propose keeping the library open in 2010, keeping the process going is as important as ever due to continuing budget challenges. We still need to discuss the role of the library in the community – how is that changing? How can it serve more people and serve people better?	---	---
3.	Timeline for the process – Does this information change the timeline? We can take a bit more time since the September 15 th is no longer a “drop dead” date but we should keep the momentum going. The approach will change from finding a quick fix solution to finding a long-term solution for this library. Also, Samantha noted that if capital improvements are needed for the building, these should be considered for budgeting in 2010. The longer timeframe will allow proposed scenarios to get commitments from potential partners or tenants.	---	---
4.	Input and impressions from the community meeting were discussed. Many felt it was a good input process. Comments included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Like gardening idea; associate with Minnesota gardening center on Larpenteur; create a plaza in front of the library, have more public gathering/green space. ▪ Like workforce center idea; works well with library and technology. ▪ Concern with creating a very focused, specific use (like daycare) that does not meet the needs of the broader community. ▪ Like idea of sharing the upper level between food/beverage and library with a shared gathering space in between (a la Borders or Barnes and Noble) ▪ The number of “dots” on the “books on shelves” sheet reflects that it is hard for people to imagine a library that might be very different from this. 	---	---

	site for sustainable building technologies. It could also provides space to businesses that reflect this focus. It could have a demonstration garden and collections that focus on this theme. The Living Green Expo and Eco Experience at the State Fairgrounds might be good examples or provide contacts for this theme.		
12.	Center for Local Foods The library building might include a local foods café, coop or other related tenant. The site could include a demonstration garden; it could be used as a central distribution point for CSA's. Collections might focus on growing and cooking locally. Mississippi Market might provide some information or along with other local foods contacts.	Samantha	
13.	Center for the Arts The library collections may have an arts focus and the space in the building could be used by local arts organizations. The lower level space could provide a space for theater, music or other performances. It could also include gallery space or space outside for visual arts. There is some concern with making sure that this is an economically viable scenario. There may be some opportunities to partner also with Hamline University for music performances.	Carrie Ole Jun-Li	
14.	Friends Bookstore The option of including a used bookstore operated by the Friends organization could utilize space and possibly share staff in the library. Space may still be available for other tenants or mutually supporting activities.	Kit	
15.	Resources for Child Caring This could be a partnering opportunity that would move their staff to the Hamline Midway Library facility and the library would have a smaller presence in their space. It would provide a broader draw for the area and fits the need for parenting resources. The library itself could have a children's focus with online order and pick-up for other materials.	Kit Debbie	
16.	Movie Theater Having a local movie theater was mentioned by more respondents at the community meeting and the online survey than any other item. The auditorium would be used as a small movie theater. The Riverview theater could be contacted as a resource for this option. The library focus might be on multimedia collections as a tie-in.	Brad Kathy	
17.	Center for Technology This option was mentioned but not well defined. This could be part of creating the virtual library scenario with access to collections online with holds/pick-up of items and limited physical collections. The focus might be on more computers, possibly with access to these at longer hours than the rest of the library. Other tenants might include a company that refurbishes computers and sells them; programs might include computer training. The Works Museum in Edina was mentioned as a tie-in with technology.	?	
18.	The lease income for the lower level space needs to be clarified. 292 has corrected calculations for the 1,800 sf avail. on lower level: <i>At \$1/sf/month = \$1,800/month or \$12/sf/year = \$21,600/year</i> <i>At \$2/sf/month = \$3,600/month or \$24/sf/year = \$43,200/year</i> <i>(most small office listings are showing \$1.00 - \$1.50/sf/month)</i>		
19.	Next steps will include digging out further information or contacts on the themes noted above and possibly setting up meetings with potential partners or resources. The objective to have these options more clearly defined for discussion and prioritizing at the next meeting.		
20.	The next meeting will be on Monday, August 24th at 6:30 at the Hamline Midway Library.		

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