

00:13
i see we are there
00:15
and kristen will give me the high sign
00:18
let us know but we're up on youtube so
00:19
that's the that's the important part
00:23
good morning everyone too morning chris
00:28
all right kristen says we're good
00:31
so we can get going
00:34
okay uh thank you all for meeting this
00:38
morning
00:38
we're getting near the end of the master
00:40
plan and as part of the process i
00:43
explained to jeff a little while ago
00:47
what i like to do is go through the
00:49
narratives and all the pieces
00:51
and then go back and reconcile them
00:53
against all the information
00:55
we gathered at the beginning so i
00:57
literally went back to
00:59
not just the charrettes and the
01:02
stakeholders interviews i go through all
01:04
those notes
01:05
and i make little check marks did we
01:06
deal with this did we agree that
01:08
this you know did was the consensus that
01:11
this was not a priority
01:13
does this uh
01:16
is this worth mentioning in the master
01:17
plan and so forth
01:19
then i also checked it against your
01:21
previously
01:22
instituted uh plans of service as an
01:25
institution so the library has their
01:27
uh regular plans of service and the uh
01:30
the original documentation that was
01:33
provided to us
01:34
uh with backup information that you
01:36
folks had developed before that
01:38

so some of the things were sort of
01:39
administrative in nature there were some
01:41
basic
01:42
you know how to questions in terms of
01:44
procedure and what happens in the
01:46
building
01:47
uh most of which we had dealt with or we
01:50
could
01:50
we could handle by mentioning in the
01:51
master plan as something to develop
01:54
as we go forward but there were several
01:57
items and i've classified them into a
01:59
few categories
02:00
that we'd like to discuss with the
02:02
committee uh because they really
02:05
in order to appropriately add them to
02:08
the master plan
02:09
we need a sense of how much of a
02:11
priority these things
02:13
are so these aren't things that came
02:16
from me necessarily these are things
02:17
that
02:18
have come from comparing all of what
02:20
we've done
02:21
back to the original notes so you may
02:24
say well we've sort of let that slip and
02:26
that's not a big deal or
02:28
hey yeah that that was a priority we
02:30
really should at least mention it
02:32
so if i may share screen um i say i've
02:36
grouped these into a few categories and
02:38
uh we can go
02:39
through them if that's okay with you
02:42
uh you should be able to share your
02:44
screen paul
02:46
okay so you should have a a word
02:48
document that says uh finalization
02:51
questions with the committee and board

02:52
of trustees
02:54
at the top yes okay great
02:58
so um what we're looking for is a
03:00
direction
03:01
uh so that i can in the narrative give
03:04
appropriate weight
03:05
or or just make it a footnote uh
03:09
and mention it but these are some things
03:11
that had come out
03:12
uh the first category is the studio
03:15
currently you have the
03:16
the tv studio that um in many ways
03:21
you know the consensus has been we've
03:22
sort of gone away from it in terms of
03:24
what we've
03:25
done with the plans we did not recreate
03:28
a tv studio
03:30
uh certainly not a public access you
03:32
know in the traditional sense tv studio
03:34
technology has changed the way that we
03:37
use those things a lot although one of
03:39
the staff
03:40
uh comments uh from a recent discussion
03:43
was profound in the sense that it is a
03:46
great space because of the sound
03:48
proofing and the the fact that it's
03:49
acoustically separate from other areas
03:52
uh to do other things um so maybe what
03:55
we
03:55
do is focus on better sound
03:58
proofing and acoustic insulation in the
04:00
perimeter of
04:02
some of the soho's and conference rooms
04:05
and then they can be used
04:07
for videotaping the oral history project
04:10
or
04:10
for doing things like that but i just
04:13

wanted to be clear that in all of our
04:15
conversations
04:17
we haven't really come out and said oh
04:19
wait where's the tv studio we need to
04:21
put that back
04:22
no one to my knowledge has said that but
04:24
it is mentioned
04:25
in early staff interviews it is
04:27
mentioned
04:29
in some of your plans of service early
04:31
on so
04:32
what i'm looking for is feedback from
04:35
the board members as to
04:36
whether this is something we can address
04:39
in flexible space that does other things
04:41
or do we need to go back to a committed
04:43
tv studio
04:44
and i'm hoping um that jeff and and the
04:48
other regular staff
04:49
folks uh also have some input on that uh
04:52
if we need clarification jeff did i miss
04:55
anything in that conversation you and i
04:57
talked about this
04:58
yeah no i think that's that's that's
05:00
basically it you know it
05:02
yeah okay don't anything
05:05
do we have something though jeff um
05:09
is it called the makerspace studio the
05:11
one where the um
05:12
for me personally my daughter i know
05:14
went to the studio and used digital
05:16
um cameras and and things like that so
05:19
we still have that space
05:20
correct well we have a makerspace it's
05:23
the you know right
05:24
now those are those items are in the
05:26
studio
05:28
and uh that's that space we call the

05:30
other studio maker space that's exactly
05:32
what we're talking about
05:33
and then the question is more um if that
05:36
equipment was available
05:38
in another space that was the studio but
05:41
had some sound insulation and had that
05:42
equipment in there
05:44
does that do what we needed to do or do
05:46
we need the dedicated
05:47
the dedicated space for the public
05:49
access studio itself
05:52
i mean i had noted that we were moving
05:55
that
05:56
or using the space that it's in
05:58
currently in other ways and
06:01
just sort of assumed that we were just
06:04
calling the news
06:05
the maker space something a little
06:07
different but that it would serve
06:09
the same sort of functions and maybe
06:12
more
06:13
than um what we have currently
06:16
you know i think early on when we were
06:17
talking about all the issues with the
06:19
studio
06:20
that was something that we talked about
06:22
was you know we wanted to give people
06:24
more access
06:25
to technology and self-service kind of
06:29
technology
06:30
so that it wasn't quite so you know a
06:32
barrier where there's a person sitting
06:34
there and you're having to work through
06:36
her or him and
06:37
um you know i i think adding
06:40
sound proofing and making sure that
06:42
there's
06:43

space that can be used while other
06:45
people are in the space
06:48
that's you know that's something that i
06:51
think would
06:52
serve that function but i i don't think
06:55
we have to have a studio per se
06:58
um just my two cents that that's well
07:01
put lisa if i could
07:03
just add to that slightly um
07:06
that's probably the best way to put it
07:08
we're not getting rid of the function or
07:10
even some of the equipment necessarily
07:12
but we're sort of using it in in our
07:15
minds
07:16
in rooms that also are doing other
07:18
functions so we want to make those rooms
07:21
that they can be used as a studio so
07:23
we'll improve as i say acoustics and so
07:25
forth
07:26
but having said that um in the same way
07:29
that there
07:30
we don't really do projection rooms in
07:32
libraries anymore you know
07:34
having a dedicated this is a studio and
07:37
nothing else
07:38
unless you had an ongoing daily you know
07:40
public access cable thing running out of
07:43
it
07:43
um i i think you can do the types of of
07:46
program
07:47
things you wanted to do in other rooms
07:50
uh
07:50
and and then actually not pigeonhole
07:53
that space for one thing and one thing
07:55
only
07:56
but because it's a political question
07:58
sometimes you know what i mean that the
07:59
public says wait you used to have a

08:00
studio and now you don't
08:02
my family donated money for that
08:03
originally that we want to make sure
08:06
that that that we're all on board with
08:07
that's how we're handling it i do want
08:10
to say that the channel itself
08:12
uh the guts of the channel and and the
08:14
signal broadcast
08:15
we broadca cablecast out of the it
08:17
office so that
08:18
that channel function is also not tied
08:20
to the studio space it's
08:22
okay we separate we separated those um
08:24
those functions so that's happening now
08:26
that's you know
08:27
ironically the studio isn't even used
08:28
for that thing correct
08:30
yeah the channel is uh just mostly
08:33
computer
08:34
right yep yeah i think as long as you
08:37
have one or two
08:38
rooms that are sound proof yeah
08:41
okay so what i'm gonna do then uh is
08:44
designate
08:46
if there's a consensus here amongst the
08:47
committee i will mention that the studio
08:50
as a parochial space is going away with
08:53
that label
08:54
but that the functions will be
08:55
distributed amongst other rooms
08:57
that we add uh better acoustics and
09:01
soundproofing to
09:02
and look at flexibility of moving
09:05
equipment from room to room when when we
09:07
need it does that make sense to
09:08
everybody
09:10
yes no objections okay good
09:13

all right um the second one
09:16
also has some political undertones in
09:19
our budgeting for each of the phases
09:22
we have certainly included um
09:25
various sustainability ideas that is
09:28
improving the efficiency of the
09:30
mechanical and the electrical systems
09:32
better controls that that allow us to
09:35
use
09:36
um energy when we need to but not on
09:39
all the time uh better insulatory values
09:42
within walls not just for sound and
09:45
acoustics but for
09:46
thermal insulation
09:49
however there are different levels of
09:53
um of representing sustainability so we
09:57
do those as a basis of design
09:59
if we're doing a renovation we try to
10:01
accommodate those things in as
10:02
reasonable manner as possible
10:04
if we're doing additions we absolutely
10:07
do them at a higher level than is
10:08
required by the energy code
10:10
um just as a public building you you
10:13
sort of
10:14
uh have to take a leadership role in
10:16
that and it reduces operating costs
10:18
but there are certain ways of um
10:21
documenting
10:23
sustainability one that you've probably
10:25
heard of in
10:26
uh you know on the radio if you listen
10:28
to npr or read newspapers or you know
10:30
is is lead certification this is a
10:33
process that was developed
10:34
uh that essentially it's a points system
10:37
for various things that you do
10:39
um and during a project you would go

10:42
about
10:42
uh trying to implement those points by
10:45
documenting them
10:46
i will say it is not inexpensive
10:51
um because it's often difficult to get
10:54
contractors to do
10:56
regular paperwork getting them to do the
10:59
extra level of paperwork for leed
11:00
certification
11:01
where you have to document as an example
11:04
not just where
11:05
you know who manufactured this door but
11:08
where did the lumber come from that made
11:10
the door where was the forest that
11:11
harvested the tree that made the door
11:13
and so
11:15
we we can do that we can make you know
11:17
that part of the specification that they
11:18
have to provide
11:20
all of that information but it does come
11:23
at a cost and at the end of the project
11:25
you pay to establish all these things
11:27
and and make the application
11:29
for leed certification um
11:32
most of well i would say
11:36
every library i have worked for even the
11:38
ones that began
11:39
with we want to be leed certified
11:43
as we went through the process we even
11:45
began it several times
11:47
um it became one of those things that uh
11:50
the decision was made well let's do the
11:52
things that would give us leed
11:54
certification and be a good neighbor
11:56
and even talk about it so there might be
11:58
storyboards or
12:00
um you know learning panels in the
12:03

lobbies things like that
12:05
but not necessarily go to the extra
12:07
expense of doing all the documentation
12:09
and paperwork to get a plaque that says
12:12
this is silver certified or whatever it
12:14
may be
12:15
that's a priority question it may be
12:17
important to you as a community to say
12:19
we do have a leed certified library
12:22
there are other ways of establishing the
12:25
sustainability
12:27
practices that that you implement and
12:29
that you
12:30
value um and in fact it's in your plan
12:33
of service for the 2019 to 2022 draft
12:36
plan
12:36
service you see in item four it actually
12:39
outlines
12:40
uh nyla's sustainability institute which
12:42
is another way of documenting the types
12:44
of things we've done
12:46
my recommendation is that that is an
12:49
achievable practice
12:50
that makes sense in the context of the
12:54
library world
12:55
it's not putting libraries up against
12:57
other buildings like
13:00
an office building where the company is
13:02
you know that's their their mojo is that
13:04
we're we're sustainable so we need the
13:06
leed certification as part of our
13:07
branding
13:08
um but i think things like the nila
13:12
sustainability institute
13:13
plus the fact that we're doing these
13:15
things anyway
13:16
um would be a reasonable means of
13:20
trying to achieve that but it's not my

13:22
library it's yours so i wanted some
13:24
feedback on that
13:26
and item five was photovoltaics i think
13:28
we've discussed it
13:30
um it is difficult in new york state
13:33
because
13:34
photovoltaics generally they pay the um
13:39
the funding sources for them uh the
13:42
incentives are done as tax credits
13:44
which don't help you as a library since
13:46
you don't pay taxes so the most common
13:48
method
13:49
of implementing it is to essentially
13:52
i'm simplifying things rent your roof
13:54
space to somebody who installs it sells
13:56
you the electricity back at a reduced
13:58
rate
13:59
and so forth i'm not saying that's not
14:01
worthwhile um
14:03
uh stephentown library tiny little
14:06
library over in in
14:07
rensselaer columbia county must be
14:10
rensselaer
14:11
yeah they have it on their roof they pay
14:14
18
14:15
a month in electricity you know that's
14:17
fabulous and and
14:18
and it's one of those things that's very
14:20
visible people see it and
14:21
and immediately know hey look they're
14:23
doing something even in this small town
14:25
um but it is a little more complicated
14:28
especially on a bigger
14:30
building like yours to work out how that
14:33
happens
14:34
uh generally there's some legal things
14:35
so
14:37

just wanted to open that discussion on
14:38
sustainability how you felt about it it
14:41
has been listed as a priority in your
14:43
plans of service and in other documents
14:45
we found it also did come up in many of
14:48
the conversations with stakeholders
14:51
so thoughts on how to prioritize that
14:54
how to mention it um how to budget for
14:58
the documenting of it we've already
15:01
budgeted for the inclusion of many of
15:03
the systems but how do we document
15:05
or how do we budget for documenting to
15:07
the level that you'd like to document
15:11
yeah a couple of thoughts i think as far
15:12
as lead certification goes
15:14
i don't frankly think that we're going
15:16
to get the
15:17
the marketing bump to justify the cost
15:20
and the effort
15:21
i'd rather invest in the
15:24
energy saving technologies and then brag
15:27
right to our
15:28
uh to our community about how little
15:29
we're paying in gas and electricity
15:32
right just
15:32
put up the before and after numbers and
15:35
and you know show that we're
15:36
being responsible with our money and
15:39
good stewards
15:40
i think the photovoltaic question
15:43
my architecture the library is in the
15:46
roof
15:47
we can't really put enough pv on there
15:49
to make a
15:51
dent in our electricity usage right
15:53
given sort of
15:54
the way the library faces the tree
15:56
covers et cetera

15:58
it seems like maybe a better way to
15:59
address that and i would love to see us
16:01
get into pv would be to
16:04
get into one of those agreements with
16:05
people who put solar panels out in the
16:07
field
16:08
right and you know community solar type
16:09
arrangements and you basically lease
16:11
from them
16:12
right so we can advertise that we are we
16:14
are buying green green electricity
16:16
without having to put it on the roof
16:17
directly again that can be part of a
16:20
public relations campaign to explain
16:22
how you're supporting that idea and
16:24
technology
16:25
um i don't disagree there it is a
16:28
fallacy to to think that a library of
16:31
your size
16:32
could provide all of its own electricity
16:35
you don't have
16:36
enough roof space or or even area to put
16:39
trellis on your site
16:40
to get that many photovoltaic panels to
16:42
do it um
16:44
so a lot of it in some ways is a gesture
16:47
uh in a smaller building like you know
16:49
steventown's an example they can do that
16:51
but
16:52
you're you're a whole different beast um
16:55
if we could find a way to to do a small
16:58
amount of pv
16:59
you know in the parking lot or something
17:01
right you know a
17:03
carport type type arrangements right i
17:06
think i think that'd be nice
17:07
it would send the right message but
17:11

and maybe the way to talk about it then
17:13
other ways
17:14
this provides enough electricity to run
17:17
our community room you know like we pick
17:19
one
17:19
thing even if it's not directly feeding
17:22
from that to this you could
17:23
we could do the math and say this is how
17:25
much it provides this is how much that
17:27
uses and it would be
17:28
something graspable by by the community
17:31
that's interesting for me
17:33
it sounds like what what you began with
17:36
in terms of the marketing bump is
17:37
consistent with what i was saying
17:38
let's do these things but
17:42
you know the the the plaque on the wall
17:44
isn't
17:45
isn't cutting your energy bills by
17:47
itself it's it's the things we're
17:48
actually doing
17:50
any other thoughts other board members i
17:53
agree with heartbeat on that
17:55
okay how about the nyla sustainability
17:57
institute that that's a
17:59
a much less intensive process it is
18:03
consistent uh as i say with with
18:05
libraries in new york state there's a
18:07
lot of effort that's been made
18:08
to make that a manageable process for
18:11
libraries
18:12
is that something i should my thought is
18:15
i should at least mention it and we
18:16
should talk about it going forward
18:18
as we implement each piece anybody have
18:20
feedback on that
18:22
it's just one of those places where i
18:24
mean you know where we just put the

18:26
draft plan out
18:27
of our renewed draft services plan and
18:29
it's one of those this is one of those
18:30
places where the
18:32
services plan touches on the building
18:35
plan in a pretty
18:36
pretty substantial way sometimes they
18:38
kind of move on in in their separate
18:40
paths
18:41
but this is one of those areas and
18:42
that's you know that's why this this
18:43
conversation is important because it
18:45
kind of is is this a thrust or is it not
18:47
a priority you know
18:48
and i you know paul i appreciate that
18:50
that's going to get you know designed in
18:52
to whatever the building is i you know i
18:54
agree with our meat and mark that it's
18:55
the
18:56
you know how much are you saving that's
18:57
good but it's it's the
18:59
there's a question there about the
19:01
marketing
19:02
and the and the perception in the
19:04
community whether that's important
19:06
aspect of what we're doing from the
19:07
services side to not just the building
19:08
side
19:09
right
19:18
yeah my thought on that is that we
19:20
should definitely try to get as many of
19:22
the practices
19:23
incorporated or mentioned in the plan i
19:26
agree with jeff it's not just a physical
19:28
plant thing it's it's a
19:30
it's also a service uh type thing but
19:32
you know we i think we were
19:35

at the front end of this a little bit so
19:37
i think we should stay
19:38
stay at that you know stay in the
19:40
leadership position there
19:42
okay what i'm going to suggest then is
19:45
that the language and the master plan
19:48
i i may do a section specifically on
19:50
this but says that at each
19:52
stage of implementation we should
19:54
evaluate
19:55
the cost benefit of uh going to higher
19:58
levels of sustainability
20:00
uh and so forth so that we're saying
20:04
part of the master plan is
20:05
during development we keep looking at it
20:07
at every stage to see what makes sense
20:09
to do
20:10
um but it's not necessarily a priority
20:13
right now to go for leed certification
20:15
but we should look at
20:16
other programs like nyla's program or
20:19
even local programs
20:20
uh uh the power company often has
20:23
incentives and so forth
20:24
and try to tackle those uh as we as we
20:28
see the opportunity does that make sense
20:31
yes yeah and and then i'll refer back to
20:34
your plan of service and say that the
20:37
two should continue to be updated in
20:39
in uh harmony with each other as you
20:42
keep going forward and developing each
20:43
of them that
20:44
maybe they should need to check back
20:45
with with the other
20:47
planning process every you know however
20:49
often they get put together
20:52
make sense yeah
20:57
definitely good any other thoughts

21:02
before we move on
21:06
okay i'm going to move us down to
21:10
storage the
21:11
for the most part which is usually a
21:15
question related to administrative and
21:17
staffing uh because they have the most
21:19
familiarity
21:20
obviously with um what they need how
21:23
much they need
21:24
i will say there is never never enough
21:27
storage in a in a library except
21:31
wisner interestingly did did you go to
21:33
wisner with us did we
21:34
did we do that one okay rosemary is one
21:36
of the the only librarian i've ever met
21:38
who said ah we actually have too much
21:40
storage
21:41
i think she almost says it just to get
21:42
my goat but nobody else has ever said
21:44
there's a there's enough storage
21:46
um my philosophy which i think i've
21:49
mentioned before is to try to
21:51
parse storage out in areas throughout
21:54
the building so that storage is located
21:56
in proximity to the areas where
21:58
it's needed so rather than one or two
22:01
central
22:02
storage rooms i prefer to create storage
22:05
in each program area for example in the
22:08
meeting room
22:09
lots of storage built around the
22:10
perimeter or in closets right off of it
22:13
in the children's room same thing so
22:16
that they're nearby and staff isn't
22:18
traveling to get them
22:20
uh having said that storage again came
22:22
up in
22:23

an earlier plan of service your
22:25
2015-2019 plan of service
22:28
where particularly in discussing
22:29
outreach
22:32
and outreach as a program and as a
22:34
philosophy
22:35
has certain implications but in my case
22:38
what i'm thinking of is what does this
22:39
mean in terms of the building
22:41
because those outreach uh accoutrements
22:45
they have to go somewhere they have
22:47
implications for
22:49
where they are near delivery spaces or
22:51
will somebody be parking near that and
22:53
have to load and unload and so forth
22:56
uh the latest plan of service mentions
22:58
pop-up library services as an outreach
23:00
program
23:01
same questions you know how are we doing
23:03
this how much of a priority are there
23:06
um and in the same way you put a
23:08
contingency
23:09
into a budget in some ways we want to
23:12
put a little
23:13
space contingency into the plan to say
23:15
okay we're going to have to add storage
23:18
in some of these areas
23:19
because we know these things are coming
23:21
up so um
23:23
it has as you can see uh is there staff
23:26
parking necessary for these things is
23:29
there storage within the building
23:31
uh necessary or are some of these things
23:33
slipping off the priority list
23:35
because of changes in service and
23:37
they're not as important
23:40
one of the big questions what are future
23:42
library plans for owning vehicles

23:45
and do they have to be parked in a
23:46
garage or in the parking lot
23:49
um those have implications of course
23:52
um and then uh the technology
23:56
and plan of service and the maker space
23:59
there's lots of storage
24:00
related to all the different pieces that
24:02
go into that so
24:05
thoughts on those things um when we
24:07
discuss the plans we're usually
24:09
discussing the sexier things
24:10
the the the areas where the collection
24:13
might be
24:14
where where people sit and enjoy space
24:16
the programs you know things like that
24:18
but
24:19
this uh storage has to go hand in hand
24:22
with making all of that work
24:25
and it is a and it is an important
24:27
question because the you know from the
24:28
service plan you know
24:30
right now with covet we're trying to you
24:32
know pretend
24:33
that we're imagining ourselves a year
24:35
down the road and what that looks like
24:37
um you know from a staffing standpoint
24:40
outreach is an expensive
24:42
service because you're paying someone to
24:43
be elsewhere but then someone still has
24:45
to be
24:46
in the library to do all the things the
24:47
library typically does right so this is
24:49
a pre it's a premium service
24:51
um and so it's again one of those places
24:54
where the where the service plan touches
24:56
the facilities plan
24:58
because we're you know is this something
25:01

where we see the library going in the
25:03
next five and ten years that we
25:04
see the librarians uh and the staff
25:07
being
25:08
out in the community in the places where
25:09
they're meeting people who aren't
25:10
traditionally maybe the library users
25:13
but at the same time none of that uh
25:15
allows us to stop anything back
25:17
at the library where we still have to
25:18
continue to do all the regular library
25:20
stuff that happens so it's
25:21
um you know it's a it's an expensive
25:24
service
25:24
both from a staffing standpoint and from
25:27
a building standpoint where you know if
25:28
you're going to have
25:29
a sufficient location to we we don't
25:32
have a vehicle in the garage now we used
25:33
to
25:34
but now that garage space has been used
25:35
for you know literally every other thing
25:37
that we've needed to do incurred you
25:39
know including curbside
25:40
and all the other services that we're
25:41
doing so um
25:43
anyway it's it's it's thorny and
25:45
difficult and um
25:48
yeah important yeah i just want to make
25:51
sure we don't get through the master
25:52
plan and then
25:54
two years down the road somebody says
25:56
what about this suv that we've been
25:58
talking about buying for the last few
26:00
years and we finally bought it where is
26:01
it going
26:02
no one thought about it right you know
26:04
and we and we have

26:05
we have we have gone back and forth uh
26:07
infinite times and chris is on here she
26:09
could tell you
26:10
um you know an outreach vehicle van
26:13
you know not the you know we use our
26:15
current van as an outreach vehicle
26:18
ish um you know but also
26:21
also a truck for the maintenance
26:22
department you know and all those things
26:24
is is it
26:25
is it important enough that we would be
26:26
saying oh no they're we're definitely
26:28
going to have a
26:29
you know a pop-up graphic covered uh
26:32
outreach vehicle with power ports and
26:35
all of those things to take out to
26:36
you know out into the community and uh
26:39
right some amount of collection that
26:40
goes with it so
26:42
those are those are bigger questions
26:44
that you know we probably
26:45
you know we haven't really handled yet
26:47
but it's important that we we talk about
26:48
it a little bit doesn't
26:49
have to be today but we you know in the
26:51
services plan and in the master plan
26:53
so right for me i would think that
26:57
um storage inside the building would be
27:00
much more concerning than an extra
27:02
parking spot
27:03
because the parking spot we can just
27:06
take one from the parking lot
27:07
we can't just automatically build an
27:09
extra closet
27:10
um unless obviously it's in the plan um
27:14
so and and i know especially in the
27:16
children's section
27:17

they need a lot of storage
27:21
so i i guess i kind of assumed that in
27:24
the plans there was
27:25
already storage planned closets and and
27:28
oh yeah like that oh yes you're saying
27:31
paul
27:31
yeah i didn't want to imply we didn't
27:33
have it i just wanted to make sure that
27:35
we were
27:36
incorporating enough for future plans
27:38
you know
27:39
uh that that things like that um
27:42
like outreach that we might not even
27:44
know about from our perspective
27:46
but rely on the board to say this is
27:48
where we're headed in the next few years
27:50
but certainly yes traditional and
27:53
existing library programs
27:54
we've listened to the staff we've made
27:57
enough accommodation
27:58
as i said like a contingency that we can
27:59
fit storage here and there
28:01
i didn't mean to imply we don't have it
28:03
i just wanted to know
28:04
are there some things lurking that we
28:07
need to know about so that
28:09
you know the bottom one there the
28:10
emerging technology
28:12
hey we're planning on buying
28:15
uh high-end graphic computer stations
28:18
with movie production
28:20
software and green screen you know
28:22
where's all this stuff going
28:24
if those are things that we need to know
28:26
about gotcha
28:28
so sorry if i misspoke michelle no
28:30
that's okay i just remember
28:32
visiting that library where they said

28:34
they had enough storage
28:35
and they did not have enough storage
28:39
everything one person's clutter is
28:42
another person's
28:43
full library yeah all righty
28:47
yeah take a perfect example of an
28:48
emerging technology we've kicked around
28:50
the idea of
28:52
uh um i'll give you two two quick
28:53
examples it's just small
28:55
uh one was sort of a wide format uh
28:58
printer so it would print like you know
29:00
three foot rolls of either plastic or
29:02
window clings or paper
29:04
whether you know use it for the library
29:05
but also make it available to the public
29:07
a piece of equipment like that
29:08
most people are not going to have in
29:09
their homes but you might want to have
29:10
in the library
29:12
we've never bought one because i don't
29:13
really have a space to put it where i
29:14
i'm not willing to give up the space
29:17
that we're doing other things with in
29:18
order to put that in there so there's
29:20
one example or
29:21
or something we've kicked around having
29:23
um
29:24
you know a 3d um
29:28
glow forge which is uh you know a sort
29:30
of uh
29:31
negative uh carved down either plastic
29:34
or wood or whatever
29:35
um but there's there's um there's fumes
29:38
involved with that so
29:39
if you're gonna have the makerspace you
29:40
have to have sufficient uh exhaust
29:43

uh in that particular room to make sure
29:45
that people aren't in there with you
29:46
know the fumes as it's
29:48
laser etching or whatever right um so
29:50
those are just
29:51
two teeny examples of the sort of thing
29:53
that are service driven but it has
29:55
building implications
30:00
i mean i don't remember as we've worked
30:02
through a lot of the design
30:04
changes whether we've i
30:07
recall we've had a lot of conversations
30:09
about um
30:11
stacks and shelving and that kind of
30:13
stuff but i don't know that i've
30:15
heard from staff in terms of whether or
30:18
not
30:20
the added storage is sufficient to kind
30:24
of envision what we're
30:25
thinking about for the future so i don't
30:28
if anyone wants to comment on that
30:31
i'd like to hear it
30:36
we're always going to say there's not
30:37
enough storage but the question is
30:40
you know um you know adding space to say
30:44
what goes in order to get us storage you
30:47
know and and that's the
30:48
that's the difficult decision if we're
30:50
not adding you know it
30:51
it can be easy to do those sort of
30:53
things when you're adding a ton of space
30:55
um and and our plans that's not the way
30:58
these plans are going where we're you're
30:59
adding you know
31:00
hundreds or tens of thousands of square
31:03
feet to
31:04
to the building so where every little
31:06
bit of storage that we get to make our

31:08
lives a little bit easier to manage the
31:09
library
31:10
takes away a seat or a small study room
31:13
or something else from someone in the
31:15
public and that's you know that's that
31:17
zero-sum game
31:18
unfortunately we find ourselves in um
31:21
map so i think i do
31:24
want to make sure we have a minimum
31:28
or well actually i think you'd want more
31:30
than the square footage of storage that
31:32
you currently have
31:33
yeah has anyone done that math yeah
31:36
right
31:37
we have i i as i say certainly the the
31:39
largest single edition obviously is the
31:41
community room and it includes
31:44
not only specific uh
31:47
spaces like table and chair storage in
31:50
proximity to that room
31:51
but then uh built-in storage around the
31:54
perimeter of the room and so forth those
31:56
are all assumptions we've made
31:57
in the design and in the budgeting for
31:59
it so
32:00
um yes i would i would say that in each
32:03
space
32:04
we we have met more than the minimum
32:07
that we would typically provide but as
32:09
jeff said it's a zero-sum game at some
32:11
point
32:12
there's a proportion of storage to
32:14
occupyable space
32:15
it's not going to be 50 50. right you're
32:18
not gonna have as much storage as you do
32:20
you know then you have an airplane
32:21
hangar essentially
32:22

um so yes i think we have a reasonable
32:26
you know based on current library uh
32:29
trends i just my main question had to do
32:33
with
32:34
uh not asking you to analyze that but
32:36
what
32:37
are the big storage needs that you see
32:39
on the horizon because of what you've
32:41
been discussing
32:42
in your plan of service to your
32:43
community that maybe nobody
32:45
thought to to bring into this process
32:49
yet
32:50
we don't have to necessarily even change
32:52
any designs for it but we should at
32:54
least mention it
32:55
so that as we're looking back at this
32:57
document and we say all right we're
32:58
ready to implement
32:59
let's say phase one in the community
33:01
room oh wait there's a note here that
33:03
says there's the possibility that
33:06
x may happen let's try to make sure that
33:08
we're adding that type of uh
33:10
capacity whether it's uh power
33:12
distribution
33:13
data uh or storage space
33:17
and shelving or capacity in in some
33:19
way
33:20
uh as we implement each piece so it's
33:22
more to be mentioned
33:24
than to change the design at the moment
33:26
um
33:27
but you know if you haven't really had
33:30
many of these conversations
33:31
from a plan a service perspective uh
33:34
we'll rely on what we've seen there and
33:37
and make accommodations as a contingency

33:39
that going forward
33:40
oh we should be thinking about pop-up
33:42
library services
33:43
maybe your next plan of service as you
33:45
develop it will be more specific about
33:47
exactly what that'll entail
33:49
and ideally where it would be located
33:51
and then we can incorporate it
33:57
i will say table and chair storage is uh
33:59
sounds like a dream
34:01
yeah it makes all the difference in the
34:03
world about how usable that space really
34:05
is when you don't have to just stack
34:07
stuff in the corner
34:08
yeah i also just would have mentioned
34:11
that in terms of circulation when we
34:13
think about storage we think about
34:14
working storage so
34:16
um you know how we deal with all the the
34:19
things that
34:20
we're processing that are bigger than a
34:22
book that require charging and
34:23
i think a lot of that is built into
34:26
workroom design
34:27
which we're not quite at that point yet
34:30
so
34:31
yeah now that uh that's an actual
34:35
excellent point catherine and in fact
34:36
that uh the next section deals with
34:39
technology
34:40
and and recharging stations it's exactly
34:42
that that
34:43
idea we're not at the level where we're
34:45
deciding where every outlet is or
34:48
or pencil drawer or anything else but we
34:50
do want to make sure that we're
34:51
mentioning it so that as those things
34:53

develop we're constantly
34:55
just like this process referring back to
34:57
the previous pieces
34:58
uh we want to refer back and say oh yeah
35:00
we want to you know this is going to be
35:01
an important thing if we're recharging
35:03
laptops there
35:04
or um returning you know devices those
35:08
those are things we want to deal with
35:11
all right i'm going to if it's okay with
35:13
everyone
35:14
i will make some notes that will get
35:16
added to the narrative
35:17
to review um basically for each section
35:21
but i i will probably make a separate
35:22
section regarding storage
35:24
uh so that it's a note that in the
35:27
development of any phase of it
35:29
uh that should be checked with staff and
35:32
and with the committee
35:33
uh as we go forward does that make sense
35:36
yes it's
35:37
sort of a catch-all that way you know
35:38
it's there make sure we're talking about
35:41
it and don't let it slip
35:43
so jeff as far as the plan of service
35:45
goes
35:47
have we have we compared the services we
35:50
were talking about in that plan to the
35:53
current
35:54
expansion discussions we've been having
35:56
to confirm that
35:57
there's there's no nothing left out
36:00
no gaps we're we're just we're getting
36:04
that process going right now and i think
36:05
that's why this uh conversation is
36:07
important so that's where we're you know
36:08
we're

36:09
we're we're at right now we're looking
36:12
at in the current plan
36:15
the draft plan that you guys have in
36:17
your hands
36:18
i think it fits into the master plan
36:20
because while we
36:21
were developing the service plan or
36:23
redeveloping the service plan it was
36:25
with the knowledge of where we generally
36:27
were
36:28
in the facilities plan those two things
36:31
that wasn't a vacuum unlike the first
36:33
the first draft which was happening
36:34
largely um
36:36
in a fundamentally different place we
36:37
hadn't had all the conversations that
36:39
we've had to get to the point where we
36:41
are now on the on the mat on the
36:42
facilities plan
36:43
so um i i think we're
36:46
it seems good um i wouldn't say it's
36:48
perfect but um
36:51
there's i don't see any major holes in
36:52
it for you know oh my goodness jeff says
36:55
that we're gonna
36:56
um you know have a 60-foot volcano
36:59
for uh programming out there and we'd
37:01
haven't made room for a 60-foot volcano
37:03
i think we're
37:03
i think we're we're close and aware
37:07
yeah aware of the yeah aware of the um
37:09
limitations of
37:10
what we were talking about for this
37:12
facilities plan
37:14
i will say in all the master plans i've
37:16
done there's been more
37:18
attention to your various plans of
37:20

service here
37:21
in the discussions of the space needs
37:24
than there have been in in almost any of
37:26
the others so
37:27
uh part of that is the sophistication of
37:29
your staff
37:30
and administration that they've been on
37:32
top of that um but it's been part and
37:34
parcel of many of the conversations
37:36
along the way so
37:37
i haven't felt the need per se to go
37:40
back and say wait have you thought of
37:42
this
37:42
as much as i might have in other
37:44
locations
37:45
but this was just a check against the
37:47
written documents
37:48
and just wanted to make sure that we
37:50
were all on the same page
37:52
okay so if we could before the before
37:55
the next board meeting right where we're
37:56
gonna
37:57
lay out the the phase one phase two
38:00
right kind of a long-term plan
38:01
to the rest of the board uh if we could
38:04
at least confirm that
38:06
there's nothing in the service plan that
38:08
is abandoned
38:09
right by what we're talking about doing
38:12
in phase one and phase two
38:14
i think that's a a pretty good place to
38:17
be
38:18
right to at least be able to confirm
38:19
that at the completion of those two
38:21
phases
38:22
we have created the space to do
38:23
everything that our service client says
38:25
we want to do

38:26
you matt and if there's something that's
38:28
you know not covered then this is the
38:29
time to talk about it
38:30
yeah it may well be that the out
38:32
outreach the outreach plans which we
38:34
dialed back from where we were headed
38:36
pre-covered um that may well be the
38:39
the the sort of the hanging curve ball
38:41
there so we'll we'll take a peek at that
38:43
and and um have a discussion with you
38:44
about that okay
38:46
yeah but it'll be on the table at least
38:47
it won't be something that gets lost
38:49
it'll be something to
38:50
to be up front okay okay
38:53
good in moving down
38:57
uh and and we had sort of alluded to
38:59
this a little earlier there are several
39:01
technology components
39:02
that that we haven't necessarily gone
39:05
into detail about they're they're easy
39:07
enough
39:08
uh at this stage of a master plan which
39:11
is conceptual in nature to
39:13
accommodate but um this was just
39:16
discussed in terms of the working
39:18
stations
39:18
at cirque and in back of house spaces um
39:22
[Music]
39:23
recharging and storing uh patron access
39:27
infrastructure like laptops or or
39:30
chromebooks or devices like that
39:32
we know that throughout the building
39:34
we've already budgeted
39:35
for improved electrical uh distribution
39:39
and access uh at all locations
39:43
um as well as wireless we know that in
39:46

the work areas we want to improve
39:48
storage and
39:49
in-place charging uh so those are all
39:51
things we would definitely
39:54
you know again part and parcel just like
39:55
the sustainability question
39:57
the bigger question is item 12
40:00
which is rfid um if we are going
40:04
that route uh this would be the time
40:08
to plan for it rather than trying to
40:10
retrofit
40:12
that technology and system
40:15
back into a building that's already been
40:17
designed so i'm going to take a step
40:20
back there and first ask is everybody
40:22
familiar with the
40:24
the various things that rfid
40:27
can do uh that it should do
40:31
there there are differing levels of of
40:33
the use of that technology and it's used
40:35
for different purposes
40:36
should we review that quickly before we
40:39
go further or
40:40
um is everyone have a good working
40:42
knowledge of rfid and what it does
40:50
yeah i think we've talked through rfid
40:51
before so at least we're
40:53
we're all passingly familiar with it
40:55
okay
40:56
um so if if we were concerned about it
41:00
that it's
41:01
not a security question which is one way
41:04
to use rfid but
41:06
is a means of improving the efficiency
41:09
of
41:09
returns um receipts for returns
41:13
and uh sorting
41:16
these are all pieces that that might

41:19
involve
41:20
equipment that should go in or near
41:23
circulation in that back of house space
41:25
in some libraries the automation of that
41:28
is actually something that gets
41:29
highlighted
41:30
showing how libraries are sort of
41:32
technology forward it's fascinating for
41:34
kids
41:34
uh in particular it's it's one of those
41:38
inherently interesting things um
41:42
it's a significant investment but it's
41:45
also
41:46
uh without question the direction uh
41:48
that
41:49
library technologies is going in general
41:52
uh not every library is there not every
41:55
system is there
41:56
um so what are the thoughts of the board
42:00
members about whether that's a priority
42:02
i will say it is not we did not budget
42:06
the technology for rfid into the
42:09
building
42:09
plan budgets that we've talked about we
42:11
can carve out the spaces to do those
42:13
things
42:14
again at the sacrifice of maybe some
42:16
other things but
42:18
the the cost of the uh uh
42:21
the system itself and the and the um
42:24
tagging is not in other in the budgets
42:26
that we put together that would have to
42:28
come out of a different pot
42:31
and from the from the from my
42:32
perspective the
42:35
like you're saying security system is
42:37
not something we're particularly
42:38

concerned about
42:39
the um you know self-checkout we
42:42
we have now um it could be better and
42:46
certainly with an rfid
42:47
would be a little bit easier and
42:48
smoother but um but
42:50
you know we've got a working system now
42:52
so all of the patron forward customer
42:54
service parts of this
42:55
we have managed to make work um without
42:59
it
43:00
the the dollars of both the expense
43:04
of implementing it and the
43:08
long-term benefit uh savings on the back
43:11
side
43:12
are with the check-in machine the
43:14
automatic the automated cell you know
43:16
check-in um and sorting machine that
43:19
would do
43:20
some of the labor of um of managing
43:24
the check-in process which is
43:25
complicated and then sorting those items
43:27
out into you know this one goes back on
43:29
the shelf this one needs to go on hold
43:30
this one goes and transfers to another
43:31
library
43:32
some of those things that we're using um
43:33
you know people for now to do those
43:35
things those are
43:36
um you know that is a very political
43:39
question and
43:40
uh you know it has implications and and
43:42
again it's expensive both from the point
43:43
of the machine
43:44
it's expensive in that there needs to be
43:46
space dedicated
43:48
to that um you know which is probably
43:51
the reason we don't have it now is you

43:52 know we looked at you know where this
43:54 thing could possibly
43:55 squeeze into the building and it just
43:56 isn't a good spot so um
43:58 so it's a good discussion to have and
44:00 again impacts those
44:01 um this one's more operational than
44:03 services so
44:05 far better to have this conversation now
44:07 than after
44:09 after we've started to implement some of
44:10 those things uh right
44:13 guilderland talked about it put it aside
44:17 and then came back to it much later than
44:20 would have been
44:21 ideal so yeah it's nice at this point
44:25 if we're saying this is the direction
44:26 we're going and we know it that's not
44:28 that you have to make this decision
44:29 right now at this meeting on thursday
44:31 morning
44:32 but the master plan should if if we
44:35 think that that's a better than 50 50
44:37 chance of
44:38 developing over the next few years which
44:41 coincides with the first few years of
44:43 implementation of any of the master plan
44:45 we should be planning for it as we go
44:47 forward so that
44:48 just like anything else it's better to
44:50 be preparing than
44:51 than trying to pick up the pieces
44:53 afterwards
44:55 yeah it's a good question
44:58 is there an interim step we could take
45:00 to say i'm not sure
45:02 that i know that whether we're ready to
45:04

go for this but
45:05
is there something where we can set it
45:08
up where
45:09
um it's eligible in the next couple of
45:12
years to happen
45:14
you know is there is there a fiscal plan
45:16
change we have to make or
45:17
or not may you know like i guess i don't
45:19
understand
45:21
from my perspective it would be you know
45:23
what we would say is if this is at least
45:25
a 50 50 or a better chance that we are
45:27
you know we would look in this direction
45:29
yeah um then it we it would be uh
45:33
just really horrible for us to miss the
45:36
catch and say
45:37
hey paul um let's at least leave this as
45:40
an option on the table when you're
45:41
designing those staff spaces
45:43
make sure that there's an accommodation
45:45
for this to go someplace if you looked
45:47
at our building right now like i don't i
45:48
literally don't know where i would
45:50
shoehorn in
45:51
um that sort of machine they're they're
45:53
big and they're loud and they need
45:55
some space to themselves and it has to
45:57
be a place where people are gonna
45:58
throw books in um so it has to be you
46:01
know touching the public space as well
46:02
so um you know if it seems like
46:05
something
46:06
we want to do and certainly you know
46:07
i've proposed a couple times and
46:09
catherine has
46:10
and um you know i think there's there's
46:13
benefits to it but you know
46:14
always just this very liminal

46:18
size library about the the benefit of it
46:21
it's you know you can do with people
46:22
or we can do it with a machine if it was
46:24
larger you'd have the machine if it was
46:26
smaller you'd never think about it it's
46:27
just we're right in that in that middle
46:29
size it's interesting that gildan came
46:30
back to it that's
46:31
i did that's a piece of information i
46:33
didn't have so um
46:36
that's um yeah that's where i am i guess
46:40
you know from my perspective i'll put my
46:42
my two cents in i think it is i would
46:45
like to see
46:46
some provision for the possibility of
46:48
existing and maybe some thought into you
46:50
know
46:50
as you as we sketch out a schematic to
46:52
say you know this is where this
46:53
might go um you know and and this is
46:56
what you might lose
46:57
in order to carve out enough space to do
46:59
that and still have enough room for
47:01
the humans but that's far better than
47:04
designing all the space for humans and
47:06
then later saying by the way we're
47:07
cutting half of that in order to make
47:09
this happen right
47:10
and then it's it's much harder okay so
47:13
i'm going to leave it on the table
47:15
if that's okay for everybody that
47:16
doesn't mean we made a decision we're
47:17
doing it or not doing it
47:18
but it'll be something that'll be listed
47:20
as a consideration that should be
47:21
discussed
47:23
at every implementation phase again so
47:25

that we're not cutting ourselves out of
47:26
the decision later
47:28
um having said that it may mean i think
47:31
it would be worth maybe doing some
47:34
continuing to do some background so that
47:36
you're ready to have that discussion at
47:37
some point when it does make sense to
47:39
pull the trigger or not
47:41
uh and it's not coming out of the blue
47:43
because
47:44
by definition other things will be
47:45
taking priority then if you're getting
47:47
ready to do
47:48
uh phase two of the building project and
47:50
that's staff areas and we
47:52
say all right are we doing it or not
47:54
doing it and you haven't thought about
47:55
it
47:55
since you know may 20th 2021
48:00
you know you're not going to be ready to
48:01
make that decision either so
48:04
i don't want to send anybody on a on a a
48:07
useless committee
48:08
either uh but you there should be some
48:10
thinking ahead as to
48:12
what are we going to use it for what
48:14
would that system be like
48:15
um and then we'll be able to plan for it
48:17
when we get there
48:18
and we took a pretty good look at this i
48:20
want to say you know i'll probably say
48:22
three years and it's probably been
48:23
longer than that but
48:24
um i think uh you know catherine i'll
48:26
tap
48:27
you to to maybe freshen up those plans
48:30
and take a look at just the current
48:32
um status of of what those systems look

48:34
like
48:35
okay if you do have any documentation
48:38
catherine and you want to share it
48:40
um you know we can start thinking about
48:42
it a little bit
48:43
again i'm not going to go changing all
48:45
the master planning for back of outspace
48:47
yet but um
48:48
it'd be nice to have that attached so
48:50
that we know
48:51
in the future it's right there with the
48:53
the master plan and we know okay we're
48:56
gonna try and do something
48:57
like this or it's a starting point
49:01
okay good
49:04
uh we have another political question
49:08
the uh the friends and the book sale uh
49:11
the charette
49:12
and the public identified the book
49:14
sale as a priority
49:16
uh the the staff interviews mentioned it
49:19
but i didn't get a sense of
49:21
it should upgrade or downgrade either
49:25
way
49:25
uh so uh but it is not something we
49:28
necessarily
49:29
focused on we've certainly talked about
49:31
the capacity to do book sales in the
49:33
community room
49:34
excuse me uh outdoor tent areas i mean
49:38
there are lots of opportunities even in
49:40
the smaller spaces
49:42
but um you know if this is
49:45
a priority this comes back to the
49:47
storage question because it's it's not
49:49
just storage of books
49:51
it's sorting of books and many libraries
49:54

don't want that in their building uh
49:58
by definition the things that get
49:59
donated are often
50:01
uh problematic to be in your building
50:03
they are
50:05
musty they are pet smelly they you know
50:08
there's all sorts of things
50:09
and fully 50 of it might be thrown out
50:12
rather than actually put into a book
50:14
sale
50:14
um my wife is head of the friends of the
50:18
green well you know lisa
50:19
at the greenwich free library can't tell
50:21
you how many times they've had tv guides
50:23
donated
50:24
from previous years
50:27
so uh are we going to look at
50:30
the book sale is the friends group even
50:33
without a book sale is that
50:34
does the friends group need space that
50:36
we haven't thought of yet should we be
50:38
thinking about another space
50:40
as a supplementary building an annex
50:43
um you know if we're taking down the
50:45
house next door we there are other
50:47
things like
50:47
the washer and dryer for for stuffed
50:50
animals and
50:52
and linens for the meeting rooms and and
50:54
a dishwasher for cleaning toys
50:56
but what about storage you use that for
50:58
storage right now and
51:00
and you know do the friends need
51:01
something like that or does the book
51:03
sale need something like that
51:04
is anybody on the friends but well i am
51:08
but the um effectively the
51:12
i think having we just had a book sale

51:14
this past weekend and it was
51:16
as uh low effort
51:19
and low impact as could possibly be
51:21
imagined so
51:23
um there was we tried we worked really
51:25
hard to um have as
51:26
few staff hours dedicated to it as
51:28
possible while allowing the friends to
51:31
um to run it within the organizational
51:34
capacity that the friends have currently
51:36
and uh they're viewing it as a um
51:38
opportunity
51:39
they would like to have something more
51:41
than what we were able to do
51:42
this past weekend they still raised two
51:44
thousand dollars was great but i think
51:46
the
51:46
the community and the friends know that
51:49
there's a lot more untapped
51:51
um potential there especially in our
51:53
community both uh with a desire to
51:55
to donate things and then a desire to
51:58
to to have a book sale that's larger and
52:01
more robust so
52:03
i always in the back of my head imagine
52:05
that
52:06
the house property and some kind of you
52:09
know uh
52:10
so you said in here they got a couple
52:11
sheds from home depot i happen to have a
52:13
couple extra sheds
52:15
from lowe's that i am thinking about
52:17
putting over there for the friends to be
52:19
able to store their stuff on right now
52:20
but i you know if
52:21
if it had that ability that space had
52:24
the ability
52:25

to um allow for receiving
52:28
donations sorting donations and then you
52:31
know in the my wildest dreams some
52:33
capacity to have uh the book sale event
52:37
there whether in the tent or you know
52:38
whatever it was
52:40
i would be i would be ever so happy um i
52:43
don't know
52:44
you know and this is where we need to
52:45
have our conversation is you know what's
52:47
the priority for the library to support
52:49
that
52:50
um you know again we conclude you
52:52
together out of uh some of the pieces
52:54
that we've got now
52:55
or um or does it uh does it
52:58
rise to the level of something that
52:59
needs to be supported a little bit more
53:01
formally so that
53:03
i can be done talking about that now
53:05
yeah no in a way that's what we're
53:06
looking for
53:07
direction on is how much of a priority
53:10
is this
53:11
it's more a political question than a
53:13
financial question two thousand dollars
53:15
isn't
53:16
a make or break for your budget i
53:18
presume
53:20
that's right i just wanted to note um
53:24
i don't know that it's been discussed by
53:25
the friends group but
53:27
a situation and of course they're closer
53:30
to one another but
53:31
like uh in colony where they have their
53:35
basically they're using space over at
53:37
the crossings
53:39
where they're having their sales every

53:42
week and
53:43
you know i kind of wonder whether
53:46
the friends have thought about whether
53:49
there are opportunities like that to
53:51
pursue in our community
53:54
separate perhaps from our space
53:58
um maybe over on the town hall space
54:01
over there i don't know
54:02
um but has there been any discussion
54:05
about that jeff because
54:07
they have a great setup yeah and and
54:10
uh they have um
54:14
a core of some
54:17
incredibly dedicated volunteers who are
54:19
willing to basically treat it like a job
54:22
um and that's i think a a rarity
54:25
um you know and you know hinges on on a
54:28
few people
54:29
who who who are willing to be super
54:32
dedicated over the years i'll take
54:33
you know our garden volunteers are like
54:35
that right that just
54:38
year after year dedication and i think
54:39
our friends are interested
54:41
um all and i'm not saying they're not
54:42
dedicated um but
54:44
just they're building they're interested
54:45
in building that capacity so it's just
54:47
it's not i don't think it's there
54:49
yet where they have enough people that
54:51
they could pass that off and make that
54:52
not completely onerous
54:54
but um they're interested and i know the
54:56
you know every time they have a
54:56
successful book sale
54:58
that that builds excitement and then
54:59
that can build more friends coming in to
55:01

help them and then that builds the
55:03
capacity and i think that that um
55:06
that relationship is the important one
55:08
so it's a good community pr
55:10
thing and that more importantly than the
55:12
money that it brings in is the
55:15
you know book lovers are book lovers
55:17
whether they use the library or buy used
55:19
books or
55:20
you know have way too many on their
55:21
shelves at home but to answer your
55:23
question lisa
55:24
no i don't think they've either
55:25
considered um you know having a
55:28
a remote a remote over at the uh you
55:31
know the
55:32
farmers market or at the town hall i
55:35
don't think that's come up again
55:36
just with the level of schlepping and
55:40
staffing that would require to make that
55:41
happen i don't i don't
55:43
right something more similar than maybe
55:46
what voysville has where they have the
55:48
outbuildings and they're basically
55:50
you know they kind of use the space in
55:53
front of those sheds for their
55:55
uh sales so right and we don't we just
55:58
we don't have any place where we would
56:00
be accepting donations
56:03
at all right now you know we've done it
56:05
once and it was just into the community
56:06
room the day before and then back out
56:08
you know
56:08
do the community room and everything
56:10
goes back out it's there's no
56:12
there's no space for them to have
56:15
those materials long term okay
56:26
so in terms of priority i what i'll do

56:29
is i'll add some notes
56:30
uh to think about it as a as a
56:34
site question more so than an internal
56:36
building question yeah i think
56:38
yeah i think michelle was saying
56:39
something sorry i was on mute
56:41
i didn't realize that so i was just
56:43
gonna say i think what we're saying is
56:45
that yes they should have some space or
56:46
they need
56:47
space but we don't have it um
56:51
we don't have extra at this point unless
56:53
we're doing something with the
56:55
the borthwick property um
56:58
have there and then too i haven't heard
57:01
that there's been any problems in the
57:02
past with the various
57:04
creative ways that they do it now um
57:09
yeah yeah yeah and you're right no i
57:11
think i think what they do
57:13
if you know if the answer is there's
57:16
there's no space at all then um you know
57:19
we work it
57:20
they we and they work it in sort of ways
57:23
that it's been similar now and and we
57:24
say hey this is great you know the
57:26
people certainly enjoyed the book sale
57:27
that we had this weekend they
57:28
raised two thousand dollars a lot of
57:29
people were there's a lot of excitement
57:31
out there
57:32
um and we say that's what this is and
57:34
that's what it will continue to be
57:36
um you know the uh but you know we've
57:39
talked about the
57:40
desire of the people to want to
57:43
donate their stuff is um
57:47

very powerful and i do annoy people
57:50
by um shoving that off uh pretty good we
57:53
got the big green bin out in the
57:55
driveway that's full at the time and
57:57
then you know we just
57:58
uh that's not a function that we do
57:59
because we just don't have space to be
58:01
storing
58:02
people's books and it's um i think it's
58:05
a good question to have to say is that
58:07
is that a priority enough that you're
58:09
going to
58:12
work on that that board of property is
58:14
it is it possible
58:16
is it not important that like nope the
58:18
book sale could be the way it is and we
58:19
like the friends the way they are and
58:20
that's good
58:22
that's that's the question you know but
58:25
that helps me
58:26
um you know five years from now when i
58:29
get approached by somebody who's like
58:30
you should have a huge book sale and i
58:32
get those comments
58:33
a lot i know that people want it i just
58:36
we're not
58:36
we're not in a situation to be able to
58:38
provide it so
58:40
okay yeah my my opinion is you don't
58:42
want to use
58:43
indoor space tool library for that at
58:45
all i mean if you can put up sheds or we
58:47
can don't we
58:48
we could uh you know get eight sheds and
58:50
put them in the parking lot take four
58:52
spaces or something
58:53
you know make it happen that way but but
58:55
as far as like the

58:57
the uh the footprint of the indoor space
58:59
the library i wouldn't use it i don't
59:01
think it's a priority at all frankly
59:03
that's my opinion
59:07
yeah i'd agree with that
59:12
great i appreciate that direction that
59:15
it's always a tough call because there's
59:17
so many demands
59:18
on space and and and
59:22
and budget uh that and resources so
59:25
thank you for helping clarify that
59:28
what i'll do um i'll send this document
59:32
to jeff to distribute to the committee
59:33
if you want to go through it in any more
59:35
detail and think about it and
59:37
pass on any more notes back through jeff
59:39
to me um
59:41
but i'm going to use the notes that i
59:42
took today and and keep working on that
59:45
do we have the dates set for when we
59:48
were
59:49
going forward to the board
59:52
is that forgive me i don't remember if
59:55
we picked a date or not
59:59
i don't believe we picked a date i think
60:02
we were kind of
60:03
gonna see so the next board meeting is
60:05
that uh i think it's june 14th
60:07
14th i wrote down a half hour to an hour
60:09
at six
60:10
yeah so the question is do we feel that
60:12
we're in a position
60:14
to be able to present that to the full
60:15
board yet um
60:17
at june that's that's the operative
60:20
question right now
60:26
uh what what would what would be the um
60:28

presentation like what what do you
60:30
participate using
60:31
as a document to present using a half
60:33
hour i mean it's not a lot of time so
60:36
if i'm gonna keep it to a half hour uh
60:38
what i would do
60:39
is a quick rundown of uh the community
60:43
inputs summarized
60:45
mostly via gra you know a few graphs to
60:47
show here's what we heard between
60:48
stakeholders the charette uh the dot
60:51
exercise
60:52
the the previous surveys and everything
60:54
else here's the needs that we've
60:56
identified
60:57
here's the needs we identified with the
60:59
existing building and then graphically
61:01
here's how we propose to solve those
61:03
over a series of phases going forward
61:05
we won't get into the weeds on questions
61:07
like like this
61:09
that are at the committee level um
61:11
especially if we have a half hour to an
61:13
hour
61:13
um but i i would anticipate presenting
61:16
for 20 25 minutes and then
61:18
uh opening up to questions but
61:20
essentially it would be the graphics
61:22
that we've been looking at in terms of
61:24
the direction for the building plan
61:27
that that you've seen
61:30
if it's going to be that short a meeting
61:32
or that sort of
61:33
dedication of time we we don't have time
61:35
to go into much more than
61:37
than a passing review of that right
61:41
and i think people you know if they
61:43
weren't on the committee

61:44
uh you know there's not gonna be as much
61:46
interest in all the underlying pieces of
61:49
that
61:49
generally oh i don't know
61:54
yeah i worry that's enough time
61:58
okay i can guarantee an hour's not
62:01
enough time
62:02
for a half hour isn't enough time right
62:06
i guess if i start at the end right um
62:10
ultimately we want a board vote right on
62:13
adopting
62:15
the long-term plan right that's that's
62:17
how this process completes
62:19
right okay so yeah so certainly there's
62:22
going to be an hour's worth of
62:24
presentation and discussion
62:26
to get to that point i think we should
62:28
just expect to need an
62:30
hour for that and paul if you can get us
62:33
the
62:34
material um to this committee
62:37
prior to that right a week or so before
62:40
so we have a chance to go over it and
62:42
um anticipate any questions to make it
62:45
go smoother that
62:46
that would be the way to handle it i
62:49
will
62:50
uh endeavor to i i am going to be out of
62:52
town the week of memorial day so i'll be
62:54
back the week of june
62:56
seven um which
62:59
that so then i can be able to get it to
63:00
you that week
63:02
do you have a july meeting does that
63:04
make more sense or
63:06
or should we no let's stick with the
63:07
june it's up to you
63:09

i don't know if you feel like as a
63:10
committee you need more time to
63:12
look at it at the presentation aspect of
63:16
it before it goes to the
63:17
rest of the board
63:20
yeah i think i mean my sense is that
63:23
it's going to get a lot of ques there's
63:24
a lot of questions so
63:26
it'll be like a couple board meetings
63:28
that we have to
63:29
go through this so i think we should do
63:32
something at the june meeting i don't
63:33
know what that is
63:34
but there should be some sort of like
63:36
what what people's appetite you know
63:38
i'm gonna set it up and then try to plan
63:40
for like august or september july august
63:43
september to have
63:45
some some sort of discussion yeah okay
63:48
i know that's just my sense of if
63:49
there's going to be a lot of um i mean a
63:51
lot of people on the committee which is
63:52
good but there'll be a lot of like
63:54
questions that come out of it okay
63:58
yeah i don't know i mean yeah what do
64:00
you guys think what
64:01
anyone else think i wondered whether it
64:04
would make sense to
64:06
uh discuss it in conjunction with the
64:10
service plan
64:11
so that you can see kind of how they fit
64:13
together
64:14
because i feel like
64:17
one without the other is kind of
64:21
you know it's not a full discussion and
64:24
as much as that's go that would likely
64:27
be a much longer
64:28
meeting i think it would give people the

64:31
opportunity to get
64:32
who haven't been on the committee um or
64:35
are new to the board
64:37
um to get a better understanding of kind
64:40
of what the
64:41
long-term vision is for service as well
64:45
as the building
64:46
um and i think we
64:50
have heard from a few people on the
64:51
board that they
64:53
like to have that in person and right
64:56
so that sort of i think speaks to
64:58
sometime over the summer maybe
65:01
um just i thought
65:04
yeah because we haven't this committee
65:06
we haven't come back and discussed
65:08
the services plan i mean we you've got
65:10
it but that's different than us sitting
65:12
uh either on zoomer in person
65:14
and having that discussion and going
65:15
through what our thinking is so
65:17
does that make more sense like we want
65:19
to pencil that in for july
65:21
yeah probably
65:25
what's your meeting date in july i
65:29
is it the second the second monday
65:33
okay so the 12th that would be the 12th
65:37
yes okay
65:40
yeah i probably i won't be at that
65:42
meeting i don't think so
65:44
i'll be i could be remote maybe but if
65:46
we do it in person then we'll be at the
65:48
meeting
65:50
which is okay i mean
65:51
[Music]
65:54
we can set you up on the screen right
65:58
august will be the 9th
66:02

all right so let's plan to
66:05
we'll pencil it july think you know july
66:07
or august
66:08
and um you know we'll come back as a
66:11
committee and talk about the services
66:12
plan we'll have a you know a separate
66:13
meeting for that we'll do that
66:15
um relatively soon and um
66:19
see how these things marry up we'll go
66:20
through you know we'll do our analysis
66:21
make sure we're you know got our
66:23
eyes dots and he's crossed and then
66:26
we'll
66:26
we'll bring those all together and and
66:28
that may be more of a marathon meeting
66:30
to
66:30
to have both of that both of those
66:32
things in a discussion and if we can do
66:34
that in person
66:35
by then i think um several people would
66:37
would
66:38
like that i'm not sure if that's
66:39
universal but that's i think um
66:41
certainly been expressed
66:42
is it possible sometimes to to lighten
66:45
the rest of the agenda for
66:47
the board meeting so that you can focus
66:49
on this and not worry about also having
66:51
to get to
66:52
20 other items or yeah i mean we got the
66:54
president vice president right here so i
66:55
think we can uh
66:56
we can definitely kick off a bunch of
66:58
that stuff as long as there's nothing an
67:00
emergency you know other than
67:01
the regular financial stuff and
67:02
personnel we can buzz through that if
67:04
you have to we've done that before

67:05
so um so i've made sure that in my
67:09
calendar i don't put anything else
67:12
uh on june july or august
67:15
but you can let me know what the the as
67:18
you discussed in the committee let me
67:19
know what the priority is
67:21
um are we still thinking that that we do
67:24
want to
67:24
talk in june or did you just push it to
67:27
july today it feels like july to me
67:29
that's what i'm hearing
67:30
but um by the time we do the plan of
67:32
service in addition to
67:34
think about how to present all of it
67:35
because my feeling is
67:37
i'm not the one to present your plan of
67:39
service since i didn't develop i'm happy
67:41
to talk about how it relates to this
67:43
yep you know as we have but okay so we
67:46
will talk we should try to get i think
67:49
information if we're gonna do july we
67:50
should try to get information out
67:52
two weeks if we possible before yes so i
67:55
mean i think you know um i think it
67:57
would be helpful and i think people will
67:58
read it or you know like
68:00
not just like the day of before would be
68:02
helpful because i think people would
68:03
need need
68:04
any time to go through it develop
68:06
questions you know that kind of thing
68:08
maybe that's the more important thing
68:09
mark thank you for that just that that
68:11
that sort of third or fourth week
68:13
for third week in june if it were the
68:14
12th it'd be okay it was the fourth week
68:16
in june
68:17

figure that the um a pretty good final
68:19
draft
68:20
of the facilities master plan is to us
68:24
by the by the fourth week in june that
68:26
way we can get it to the to the full
68:28
board and they can sit with because i
68:29
know they're gonna people like to sit
68:31
with it ahead of time they just yeah
68:32
they do
68:33
i just put down june 29th in my calendar
68:35
it's
68:36
the tuesday that's two weeks before the
68:38
the monday board meeting if that
68:41
seems reasonable okay so uh
68:44
we'll shoot for that and and we can plan
68:46
on a committee meeting to go over
68:48
preparations as well as we get
68:51
all right sorry and and so i know we're
68:53
we're over here i'm sorry about that but
68:55
i have a a public comment which is very
68:57
rare
68:58
uh hardly anybody ever sends me anything
69:00
so um
69:01
this comment was uh from
69:04
robert khalifa who is a
69:07
citizen of the district and
69:10
uh about the long-range plan he says i
69:12
understand it's still in very reform i
69:14
noticed the potential price tag for the
69:15
draft plan presented by the architect at
69:17
the most recent meeting
69:18
is if you add up all the phases is uh 17
69:21
million
69:22
that's vastly higher than the
69:23
guilderland public library budget for
69:25
their construction of about 9 million
69:27
i realize it's probably not apples to
69:28
apples but it's a proposed plan for bpl

69:30
so much more extensive and worn such a
69:32
high price tag i would like this
69:33
particular bullet point to be in the
69:35
public comment
69:36
if possible to present at the next
69:37
long-range plan meeting so
69:40
there you go i'll make a note of it that
69:43
they are
69:44
vastly different scopes of work and and
69:47
sizes but
69:48
yes we'll i'll talk about uh that
69:50
because it's an immediate neighbor and
69:52
it's
69:52
and it's uh uh because of the proximity
69:55
and
69:55
and the fact that it's something that's
69:56
happening right now people are aware of
69:58
the news
69:58
so yeah i just wanted to um
70:02
yeah i didn't want to do any i didn't
70:03
want to have an answer i thought i
70:04
needed to talk to you paul
70:06
um and have that you know he wanted it
70:07
in a public comment there it is and then
70:09
we wanted to
70:10
to talk about that so good
70:13
okay thank you everybody sorry we went a
70:15
little over an hour today but
70:16
um this this is some good progress in in
70:19
terms of trying to finalize
70:21
uh the documents and we'll be talking
70:23
soon all right
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