



NORWALK EASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Board of Trustees Special Session Meeting Minutes

April 2023

Date: Monday April 3, 2023 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Location: Library Meeting Room

Trustees present: Steve Clarke, Stephanie Farmer, Nikki Huetter, Lauren McMeans, Magdalena Reese, Sarah Smith, and Elizabeth Thompson

Library Staff Present: Jean Strable, Director and Annette Clark, Assistant Director

Community Members: Elaine Smith-Bright, Library Foundation; Judy Corcoran, Hometown Pride; Luke Nelson, City of Norwalk; Stephanie Riva, City Council

Consultants: Denny Sharp and Cory Sharp of FEH Designs

Future Library Site Planning Session – Denny Sharp, FEH Designs

Site Selection Criteria – What are the characteristics or attributes that are important for a potential library site to possess?

- Convenient to community and schools
- Room enough to grow, not being landlocked
- Size – lots of land, space for outdoor amenities, ample parking (need approximately 2-3 acres for a 33,000+ square foot building)
- Existing infrastructure
- Multi-modal access
- Existing zoning
- Flood zone
- Topography / slope
- Cost
- Views
- Solar access
- Adjacent uses
- Future growth directions
- Synergy adjacent
- Availability (subject to change)
- Taxable value



Potential Sites

- Old Fareway on west side of Highway 28
- Across from the stadium on Cherry St.
- Norwalk Central
- S-Curves
- North Shore
- Warrior Run Golf Course
- Orchard Hills School
- Serenity Woods
- Current library site
- High Road – where there was an MCM house, McDonald’s Woods
- Brody’s Landing area
- Legacy West
- Legacy Circle

Next Steps

FEH Designs will gather information on each of the above potential sites, presented to this group, and sites will be ranked. Later, a library plan on top of these sites, will be examined.

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Sarah Smith, Secretary

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