

Jacque Betz

From: Eric Swanson
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 5:42 PM
To: Linda Lewis
Cc: Jacque Betz
Subject: RE: Library Board

Linda:

Thank you for your email, I will share this with the Mayor and City Council. I appreciate your recent efforts to reach out to the Library Board members in order to bridge the gap between the City Council and Library Board to come to this consensus.

Speaking in my capacity as the City Administrator and on behalf of the City Council, we appreciate your words and your support. As the Council has mentioned before, the decision to enforce the City's legal rights was not taken lightly, but only as a last resort and after extended discussions regarding how best to preserve the City's interests. The City Council is committed to bringing the library promised to, and approved by, voters to fruition.

The Library Board plays a significant role in our path forward. The City welcomes and requires the Library Board's participation as we continue to make decisions concerning our future library. To that end, I would like to schedule some time during the Board's October 4, 2016 meeting to continue our dialogue on future Library Board recommendations to City Council, including creating a Library Design Committee with both Gladstone and Oak Lodge resident participation.

Regards,

Eric

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From: Linda Lewis
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Eric,

The members of the Library Board would like to express their sincere regret over the September 6th letter to the Council regarding the pending lawsuit with Clackamas County about the Library IGA. It was never their intention to cause more public strife for City Councilors, and for that, they ask the City Councilors to accept their apology.

At this point, it is their hope to be able to move forward and work with the City Council on the plan for a new library for Gladstone. They hope that the City Council members will continue to include the Library Board in the process of designing the new 3-story library/city hall as per the ballot measure approved by the voters.

As for me, I am very sorry for my lack of communication to you as your library director about these issues. My failure to act responsibly made an already difficult situation worse. I also hope that you and the City Council accept my apology and allow me to continue to work toward the new library in Gladstone.

Thank you,

Linda L. Lewis

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