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## Clifton Branch Steering Committee MINUTES

Date and Time: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Central Library, 443 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Grand Junction, CO – Downstairs Classroom

#	Agenda Item
1	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Call to Order and Roll Call:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee Chair Barry Blanchard called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.</li> <li>○ BOARD PRESENT: Barry Blanchard, Cindy Cyphers, Chris Mahre, Candice Walton</li> <li>○ STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Boisvenue-Fox, Shana Wade, Blair Wade, Shawn Cwalinski, Wynell Webster, Bob Kretchman</li> <li>○ PUBLIC PRESENT: Jane Foster (MCLF), Chris Endreson (UTA), Diana Williams (MCPH) Jeff Kuhr (MCPH)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Review of Agenda:</i> The agenda was accepted as presented.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Update: UC Denver Colorado Center for Community Development University Technical Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boisvenue-Fox shared that MCL has a signed MOU with UTA, our cost share is not to exceed \$4,650 with DOLA picking up the remaining amount. The project total is \$7,750. The deadline to expect the final product is 10/30/2020.</li> <li>• Step 1: conceptual design. Step 2: floor plans, elevations. Step 3: refinement and other documentation.</li> <li>• Next steps are to complete staff documentation for students to use in planning.</li> <li>• Boisvenue-Fox will meet with the County on future plans for Jamison Avenue that is currently unfinished on the library’s property at 3180 F Road.</li> <li>• Blanchard asked for a UTA project timeline. Endreson stated that a schedule will be a priority. The team will include a cross disciplinary group of students, including a few new students to be assigned to this project. The goal is to work with Construction Management students from CMU on the cost projection segment of the project.</li> </ul>
3	<p>Presentation: Childcare 8,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Kuhr, Executive Director of Mesa County Public Health, shared thoughts of how a child care center could be co-located with the new Clifton Branch Library. The center would be run by staff through Hilltop with MCL providing the space. Childcare has been identified as a need in the community. Investing in the young will have a positive impact on many community issues.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kuhr stated that the Childcare 8,000 is set up as a spoke and hub model, where the hub provides support and resources for the child care centers so that they can increase pay for teachers and reach a higher quality rating. There is currently not enough certified lead teachers or enough slots for childcare in Mesa County. There are currently 4,200 child care slots and the goal is to have 8,000 slots – based on census needs.</li> <li>○ Foster asked about drop in and after hours care for literacy students and other patrons. Kuhr stated that this would be a desirable service.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kuhr mentioned that the biggest expense for childcare centers is rent and any saving from not having to cover rent could be passed along to parents.</li> <li>○ Blanchard asked if we would be competing with the private sector. There is currently a shortage of child care, this model provides training, resources, bulk purchasing, and other support which makes it possible for centers to succeed.</li> <li>● Resource Center: additional option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kuhr stated that MCPH are looking at locations in the East Valley to locate a new Resource Center. One possibility is to locate the Center on the back half of the library parcel or butted together. MCPH would be responsible for building that building with many potential funding sources. This option would be attractive to funders because of the multiple organizations that could be housed in the Resource Center, including Meals on Wheels, a childcare center (instead of at the library) and a training center.</li> <li>○ Design planning would need to determine what would fit on the property.</li> <li>○ Cyphers stated that parking/traffic would have to be considered.</li> <li>○ B Wade asked how would this benefit MCL? Kuhr mentioned that it would be a great service for the community and there may be shared spaces and access to facilities for the library.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The next meeting will be scheduled before the regular March Library Board Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boisvenue-Fox will give an update on her fact-finding trip to Nebraska and information on the future of Jamison Avenue.</li> <li>○ Endreson advised that the committee should work on developing partnerships to strengthen the appeal of the project to grant funders.</li> <li>○ To streamline the process, the steering committee will also be the design advisory group and the grant writing advisory team.</li> <li>○ Endreson will give updates and attend meetings when available. Endreson advised scheduling a work session with MCPH to further discuss how a partnership would work.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4	<p>Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.</li> </ul>

Minutes submitted by Shana Wade, MCL Associate Director.