

PUBLIC NOTICE:
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 10 a.m.
Community Room of the Library
Meetings are open to the public.

Members of the North Valley Public Library Board and members of the North Valley Public Library Foundation are meeting with members of the Stevensville Community Foundation/Center to discuss the possibility of sharing a new facility together.

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Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

North Valley Public Library
Minutes Board of SPECIAL Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Library

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present:

Caitlin Dunn, Board Member

Kim Tiplady, Board Member

Victoria Howell, Board Chairman

Denise Ard, Director

Leon Theroux, Board Member

Guests:

Amy Horlacher, North Valley Foundation President

Bob Thomas, SCF Community Center Chair

Bob Thomas gave an overview of the Stevensville Community Foundation (SCF) and the Stevensville Community Complex Center (SCCC). He said the original vision was for an auditorium and a meeting room. They bought land near the school and entered into a contract with school for a music band center. The school board and administration changed and the school opted out of the contract. Bob Thomas got back on the SCF board 3 years ago.

The land they have is worth about \$275,000. They put in some exits. There is a home on the land that is rented but it is not a money maker. There is no sewer line to the land. It would cost \$250,000 to bring sewer line to it. He says the school said to let the SCF know if they were selling as they may be interested in purchasing the land.

Stevensville parking regulations require 10 parking spots for every 1,000 square feet of building.

Bob Thomas says they would like a Community Center to be 5,000-6,000 sq. ft. room that is sound proof and includes a sound system, a kitchen (noncommercial), tables and chairs, to be used for banquets, meetings, gym class, yoga, speeches, education etc. Moving walls would add flexibility. They would also like a smaller room for board meetings that is always available that has locked cabinets for documents from different organizations. He estimates they can bring \$325,000 to the table for purchasing 407 Main Street. Bob suggested that maybe volunteers could oversee events.

Items to work out: Who would operate it? Agreements for use? Who takes the lead financially?

SCF is open to the Library owning and operating it. A facilities or banquet manager may be required.

It is desirous of both Bob Thomas and some of the Library Board that the feed elevator tower be incorporated into the design of a new building design if possible.

Bob Thomas suggested the Library may be able to sell the Library's current building with a lease back option, so we can remain at our location until a new facility is built.

Victoria told Bob Thomas that the Library can receive government financing at 3.37%.

The Library Board decided an attorney is necessary if they are to proceed. Victoria said she would make inquiries. The Board directed Denise to check with the State Library if they had lawyer recommendations. Denise said MACo would not serve as the attorney but she would ask them for lawyer recommendations.

Next steps to move forward: Finding an attorney and cost; Victoria will follow up with the real estate agent. The Board

set a special meeting on Wednesday December 11 at 9 a.m. to make further decisions regarding partnering with the Stevensville Community Foundation/Center to purchase the land and build a new facility at 407 Main Street.

Minutes by Caitlin Dunn and Denise E. Ard.