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## LIBRARY TASK FORCE

Monday, March 24, 2014; 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall  
590 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
**Conference Room 1**

Renee Dougherty  
**Library Director**  
Stacey R. Hendren  
**Recording Secretary**

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Update
- III. Adjournment

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## LIBRARY TASK FORCE

Monday, March 31, 2014; 4:30 p.m.

Library  
820 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
**Library Boardroom**

Renee Dougherty  
**Library Director**  
Stacey R. Hendren  
**Recording Secretary**

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Conversation with Mayor Peterson
- III. Adjournment

# CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

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April 3, 2014

Mayor Gary Peterson  
Columbia Heights City Council

Renee Dougherty  
**Library Director**  
Stacey R. Hendren  
**Recording Secretary**

Dear Mayor Peterson and members of City Council:

In April 2013, the Columbia Heights Library Task Force brought forth a recommendation for a new public library. This recommendation identified the need for a 20,500-24,000 square foot facility, as well as three potential sites. In light of recent developments, we would like to update our recommendation to focus on two city-owned properties, including one that was not brought forward last spring:

- **Huset Park—adjacent to Murzyn Hall**  
This property, accessed via Mill Street, is easily accessible from 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It is in an area of high visibility next to Murzyn Hall, City Hall, and the Huset Park baseball fields.
- **42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Jackson Street site**  
Located next to the new Public Safety building, this property is close to multiple centers of education, including Metro North Adult Basic Education, Immaculate Conception School, Global Academy, and Independent School District 13.

We encourage the City Council to act quickly to gather Requests For Proposals (RFP) for preliminary design work and site testing for a new facility, incorporating the recommendations identified by the Task Force last year.

We look forward to working alongside City Council, in cooperation with our neighbors, the Library Board, the Library Foundation, and the Friends of the Library, to bring a state-of-the-art facility to Columbia Heights.

Sincerely,

The Columbia Heights Library Task Force

David Larson, chair *David Larson*

Tricia Conway, vice-chair *Tricia Conway*

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# CITIZENS IN SUPPORT OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY IN COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

April 28, 2014

Mayor Peterson  
Members of City Council  
City Manager Fehst and City Staff

We write to indicate our support for a new Public Library to be constructed in Columbia Heights. We understand that consideration for a new library has a long history of hope, planning, and unfulfilled expectation.

We salute the current actions of the City Council now being taken to actually move ahead for the pre-planning steps necessary before a major commitment is made to proceed with constructing the library. We are aware that the Library Task Force, appointed by the Mayor, has recently recommended two sites for consideration, each of which is city-owned land.

The purpose of our letter is to urge the City Council to authorize that both sites affirmed by the Task Force—the Huset Park site and the site at 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Jackson—receive careful consideration, including soil testing, site survey, and preliminary architectural sketches of possible building arrangement and location.

We respectively recommend this preliminary research for both sites to enable the City Council to be able to make a more fully informed decision concerning the new library location.

The decision of the City Council as to the library location will have significant implications for the people of Columbia Heights for the next fifty years. We believe that spending a small additional amount of money now will have positive benefits for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration and action.

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