

## BEFORE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD

### RESOLUTION NO. 2017-057

Adopting the Multnomah County Library Space Planning Framework.

#### **The Multnomah County Library District (MCLD) Board Finds:**

- a. Established in 1864, today's Multnomah County Library is one of the busiest, best and most beloved public library systems in the United States.
- b. The library offers a wide range of resources, services and personal assistance to people of all ages.
- c. The library commenced a space planning process in July 2016, engaging nearly 4,000 residents, community leaders, partner agencies, educators and nonprofits for input and carefully reviewed use patterns, demographic data and industry best practices.
- d. The physical structure of this system began in the Andrew Carnegie era, when libraries served vastly different purposes than today.
- e. Multnomah County Library's library spaces total just 260,000 square feet, a rate of just over 0.3 square feet per capita. Other Oregon library systems offer up to three times that amount per capita.
- f. All 19 Multnomah County libraries, plus library office and storage space, would fit into Seattle's downtown library.
- g. Growth projections show an increase of population to more than 910,000 in Multnomah County by 2035.
- h. Demographic data show increasing needs in east Portland and east Multnomah County, which offers just 25% of total library space, yet is home to 40% of residents.

#### **The Multnomah County Library District Board Resolves:**

1. Adopt the findings of Multnomah County Library Framework for Future Library Spaces, authored by Group 4 Architecture.
2. Envision a resulting system of libraries that provides modern and adequate spaces for people across Multnomah County.
3. Direct the implementation of the framework to include models for costs, funding, timelines and staging of projects to achieve the Framework's recommendations.
4. Seek development of a plan to provide space for Multnomah County residents at a rate of 0.6 to 0.8 square feet per capita.

5. Use a model to create equity in space allocation by focusing on creation of larger “destination libraries” in all Zones and a large “flagship library” in East County.

**ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.**

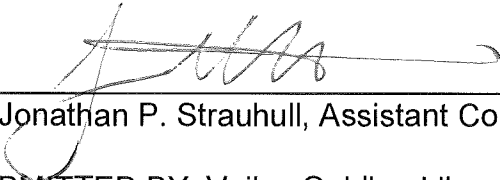


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