



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 8/14/15

CONSENT

ITEM #11

AGENDA ITEM: Receive Library Board Memo Regarding Alley Concern

SUBMITTED BY: Nate Deprey, Library Director

THROUGH: Clark Schroeder, Interim City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: City Council / Staff

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item City Administrator
- Report/Presentation.....City Administrator
- Questions from Council to Staff Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

POLICY RECOMMENDER: (Council, Commission, Committee, Citizen Group, Staff) The following motions were made and passed unanimously by the Lake Elmo Library Board

1. The board authorizes the library facility committee to participate in the meetings with the neighbors and other people who own property on the planned alley and to advocate to not have the alley be a through fare.
2. The Board thanks the attendees who came to the meeting on a Friday afternoon on such short notice.

FISCAL IMPACT: TBD

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: Due to safety concerns about the planned alley the library board and its staff are hoping that a solution can be found to provide access to neighboring properties without compromising the safety of children and other patrons exiting the library.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: There seems to have been a communication breakdown between the planners of the downtown Lake Elmo project and the Library and Library Board. Once

learning about the planned alley behind the Library and its proximity to the library's rear exit, safety concerns were raised to City staff, SEH and City Council members. At a meeting between interested parties from Washington County, the City of Lake Elmo, the Lake Elmo Library Board of Trustees and SEH on August 7th there was a lengthy discussion of concerns over the planned alley.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the hope of the Lake Elmo Library Board of Trustees and library staff that a solution can be found that provides access to neighboring properties without compromising pedestrian safety.