

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the City Commission

From: Lisa Agnor, City Manager

Date: March 4, 2016

Subject: Report regarding the status of renovations at the Marshall Public Library

This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Boersma.
Information regarding this item is attached.

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To: City Commissioners
From: Anna Lane, Library Director
Date: March 7, 2016
Re: Status of Renovations at Marshall Public Library

As you know, one of Marshall Public Library's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan goals is to *"provide a safe, welcoming, and secure environment for patrons and staff that is accessible, comfortable, well-maintained and which meets service needs."* Library staff, the Board of Trustees, and the Friends of a Public Library organization have met with Trinity Library Resources to create a space plan that modernizes and repurposes the library in order to meet growing demands on library services in all areas.

Recently, several members from the Board of Trustees, Friends organization, and library staff visited the Sammy Brown Public Library (Carthage) and Tyler Public Library to view results from their renovation projects. Additionally, public libraries in Texas that underwent renovations in 2013 and 2014 were contacted for information about their renovations. While some projects involved new construction and expansions, other libraries repurposed and modernized their space without major construction. Many included the same elements proposed in our renovation: dedicated teen space, enhanced children's space, additional computer stations, more floor and wall outlets, replacement of carpet, remodeling bathrooms to meet ADA compliance, and additional seating.

Below is an update on the status of the Marshall Public Library renovation project:

- New roof completed (City of Marshall)
- Allocation of \$200,000 from the Emma Walker account (Board of Trustees)
- Commitment of financial support for the renovation project (Friends of a Public Library)

Estimated renovation project costs are as follows:

\$300,000: Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment (Board of Trustees & Friends of a Public Library)

- Children's Library ▪ Technology Center ▪ Teen Library ▪ Main Library
- Circulation Desk ▪ Staff Workroom ▪ Gold Room ▪ Reading Area

\$200,000-\$250,000: Infrastructure Improvements estimate (City of Marshall)

- Modular Wall Construction ▪ Bathroom Remodeling ▪ New Flooring
- Interior/Exterior Paint ▪ Outlet/Wiring Upgrades ▪ Signage
- Ceiling Tile Replacement ▪ Handicap Accessibility ▪ Parking Lot Upgrades

With the cooperation and collaboration between the City of Marshall, Board of Trustees, and the Friends of a Public Library, renovations and upgrades to the 40⁺ year old facility will help the Marshall Public Library meet its vision of becoming a *"vibrant destination that ignites imagination, fosters lifelong learning, and inspires the community to greater achievement."*