



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/2/2021

Old Business

Department: Library

Presenter(s): Jim Blanton, Library Director

Contact(s): Jim Blanton, Library Director

Subject: Library Facilities Study Status Update

Brief Summary:

On May 18, 2021, the Board of Commissioners received a presentation from Maureen Arndt, the consultant engaged to conduct a facilities study for Buncombe County Public Libraries. The Board provided guidance at that time for the Library to obtain further community input in response to the consultant recommendations. Working with the Library Advisory Board and Communications and Public Engagement, the Library held 10 input sessions in person and virtually. In person sessions began in July and shifted to a virtual format in August when pandemic conditions worsened. The Library Advisory Board agreed that it would be most appropriate to collect this critical feedback in person. Accordingly, the sessions were paused until in person meetings can be resumed safely.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Provide guidance on how to move forward with community input sessions and study recommendations

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Staff to provide update and take guidance from Board of Commissioners on how to proceed.