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RE: Hamline Midway Library Study

SUBJECT: Community Meeting - August 6, 2009

ITEM

1.	Roger Meyer made introductions and presented the agenda and goals for the meeting.
2.	<p>The first part of the meeting included a short time of silent brainstorming to a slideshow to come up with ideas of services, resources or other opportunities that may be missing in the Hamline Midway community. These ideas were gathered and recorded; they have been organized by theme:</p> <p><u>Arts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Artist studios▪ Learning through theater▪ Community music school▪ Music venue/performance/lessons/practice▪ Visual arts gallery▪ Community gallery space▪ Children's theater▪ Community art center/arts education center <p><u>Health/Wellness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Nutrition/health care space▪ Yoga/pilates/meditation▪ Space/activities for the disabled▪ Senior care (possibly with daycare) <p><u>Children</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Parent resource center▪ Playland/interactive play▪ Daycare center▪ After school programs▪ "Tweens" center <p><u>Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Preschool▪ Charter school▪ ESL center▪ Safe gathering space for children▪ Neighborhood school▪ Professional tutoring <p><u>Gardening/landscape</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gardening workshop▪ Farmer's market▪ Urban agriculture center▪ Outdoor sculpture▪ Decorated crosswalks▪ Dog park▪ Trash cans/trash pick-up

	<p><u>Retail/restaurant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deli ▪ Consignment shop ▪ Food co-op ▪ Organic restaurant ▪ Antique store ▪ Bookstore ▪ Vintage clothing ▪ Coffeeshop/community gathering ▪ Wine bar ▪ Ice cream shop ▪ Bakery ▪ Movie theater <p><u>Business/technology</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computer training ▪ Small business center ▪ Copy center ▪ Computer lab ▪ Workforce center ▪ E-mail boxes <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Historical interpretation ▪ College hangout ▪ Lake/water feature ▪ Public swimming/skating ▪ Reading veranda/sunroom ▪ Community gathering space
3.	<p>From the ideas listed above, attendees were asked to think how these ideas might fit with the existing Hamline Midway Library space. Some of the ideas were considered in terms of a theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education theme ▪ Literacy theme ▪ Environmental theme ▪ Arts theme ▪ Technology theme (“The Works”) ▪ Health/Wellness theme ▪ Entertainment theme ▪ Maintain library theme <p><u>Specific uses or ideas for the library space included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Juice bar ▪ Wellness/Massage center ▪ Computer/technology school ▪ Showcase of green building technology (rain garden, green roof, etc.) ▪ Green building resource center ▪ Loft/Book arts center ▪ Restaurant ▪ Archive ▪ Rental meeting space/small event space ▪ Literacy summer camp ▪ Army National Guard/service dogs ▪ Daycare/after school care/senior daycare ▪ Drop-in daycare ▪ Partnership with Knox Presbyterian Church ▪ Church/coffeehouse/library ▪ Fee-based products

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small business development ▪ Small office rentals/short-term rentals <p><u>Ideas were noted for the library itself:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain integrity of the library ▪ Reduce library space use; go to drop-off/pick-up only ▪ Increase access to computers <p><u>And ideas for fundraising were also noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community-institutional sponsorships ▪ Community ownership ▪ Pizza Hut partnership ▪ Target sponsorship ▪ Buy-a-brick/fundraising ▪ More volunteers ▪ Memorials ▪ Garrison Keillor tie-in ▪ Reduce hours while one of these ideas emerge
4.	<p>The third input session related to library services and which services are most important to retain at the Hamline Midway Library. A variety of library services were posted on the wall and each meeting attendee was asked to “vote” with sticker dots for the three services that they felt were most important to them. The services and numbers of “votes” for each were:</p> <p>Space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal meeting space - 7 ▪ Lounge/gathering space - 5 ▪ Place to study, work or do homework - 11 <p>Books/Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Browse the collection (books on shelves) – 49 ▪ Access a single collection – 11 total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children’s library (6) ○ Technology library (3) ○ Reference library (1) ○ New books/staff picks (1) ▪ Holds/pick-up (no books on shelves) – 15 ▪ Access public documents – 1 ▪ Community information (review or post) – 1 ▪ Books/collections research - 1 <p>Technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General computer use – 11 ▪ Access library catalogues/databases – 2 ▪ Access the internet - 18 <p>Staffing/Programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff assistance with research – 5 ▪ Book recommendation by staff – 0 ▪ Volunteer opportunities at the library – 2 ▪ Children’s programming – 19 ▪ Teen programming – 9 ▪ Adult programming – 8
5.	<p>The meeting wrapped up with an overview of the next steps. The ideas generated at this meeting will be used at the next task force meeting to inform the process. The next steps will be to begin developing up to three viable scenarios that can be presented to the city. These options should clearly identify potential partners or tenants with a commitment to proceed. Space implications and budgets will be presented as part of these scenarios.</p>
6.	<p>Questions were taken and other opportunities for input were noted. An online survey is available and any additional ideas can be submitted through one of the task force members. A follow up community meeting will be held later in the process.</p>

7. *Card with some of the brainstorming ideas were collected. In addition to the ideas listed under items 2 and 3, some of the ideas on the cards included:*
- *Small chamber music venue; folk/jazz*
 - *Study center for immigrant English learners*
 - *More small businesss; shopping street for pedestrians*
 - *Children's museum*
 - *Montessori*
 - *Gardens with study tables*
 - *Corner urns with flowers*
 - *Bulletin boards per block*
 - *Hamline University bookstore*
 - *Science Museum or Children's Museum outreach*
 - *Neighborhood development center*
 - *Historical preservation*
 - *Alternate community theater with movie theater in lower level*
 - *Bookstore/historical interpretation*
 - *Bike shop; sales, repairs, and related supplies*
 - *Refurbished computers; sale with option for training*
 - *Community education courses*
 - *Neighborhood block committee meeting space*
 - *Computer repair workshop*
 - *Group meeting center – AA, OA, rehab*
 - *Holistic health center*
 - *Used bookstore*
 - *Permanent SPPL book sale*
 - *Arts and crafts*
 - *Youth job center*
 - *Garden store*