

Matthew Martin

From: Daniel Bekele <dbekele@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 8:30 PM
To: Matthew Martin
Cc: Monique Bekele
Subject: Re: Proposed Renovations to the Scarsdale Public Library

Hi Matt

I would give it a 2

The library is great and the idea of it being less accessible to kids while the extensive renovation take place seems unnecessary.

A less extensive, gradual improvement would seem like the way to go.

But what do I know

Thanks

Daniel

From: Matthew Martin <Matthew.Martin@pattoneakins.com>
Sent: January 25, 2016 6:21:45 PM EST
To: Matthew Martin <Matthew.Martin@pattoneakins.com>
Subject: Proposed Renovations to the Scarsdale Public Library

Dear Arthur Manor Neighbors,

The Scarsdale Mayor and Village Trustees have asked residents to voice their opinions concerning the proposed renovations to the Public Library. For those of you who may not be familiar with the proposed renovations to the Library, a link to a brief November newspaper article in the Westchester paper describing the renovations is attached below.

<http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/2015/11/13/scarsdale-considers-library-expansion/75649956/>

A link to the proposed renovations can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<http://scarsdalelibrary.org/campaign/#vision>

If you have not already done so, when you are next at the Library, please visit the Reference Room where there is a display, scale model, and additional data about the scope and current proposed cost structure for this project. The proposed renovations are estimated to be \$19 million dollars. The Mayor and Trustees have requested feedback from residents because the project would require the village to come up with funds of \$12 million by issuing new bonds. Currently the village has an outstanding debt of \$24 million.

The Library's Director, Beth Bermel, and the President of the Library Board, Terri Simon, are offering another presentation on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:30 pm in the Library's Scott Room regarding the proposed renovation project. The presentation is open to the public and will include information about the renovations with an opportunity for Ms. Bermel and Simon to respond to any questions and concerns.

It is important to make your opinion heard. After you have had an opportunity to visit the Library to review the display and information concerning the project and/or after you have had the chance to attend the February 24th presentation, please feel free to respond to me with detailed feedback or simply with a rank between 1-5, where 1 corresponds to "*I do not think the library needs any renovation*", to 5 "*it is imperative that we fund the entire \$12 million sum*". This information will then be presented to Mayor Jon Mark and the Village Trustees.

Please feel free to pass this email along to any Arthur Manor neighbors who may not be on our mailing list.

Please also feel free to contact Mayor Mark directly at Mayor@scarsdale.com with your comments regarding the proposed renovations.

I look forward to receiving your comments.

Best regards,
Matt Martin

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Sent from my Android device with K-9 Mail. Please excuse my brevity.