

**Capital Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
May 14, 2018  
8:30 a.m.  
Administrative Building Auditorium**

**Call to Order**

Capital Committee Chair Varley called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. In attendance were Committee Members Chairperson Robert Varley, Board President Shlonsky, Trustee Leonard, Trustee Spangler as well as, Executive Director Sari Feldman, Deputy Director Tracy Strobel, Operations Director and Fiscal Officer Scott Morgan, Communications and External Relations Director Hallie Rich, Branch Services Director – East Enda Bracken; Branch Services Director - West Caroline Vicchiarelli, Literacy & Learning Division Director Pam Jankowski, Technical Services Division Director Daniel Barden, Assistant Finance Director Robert Dolan, Bay Village Branch Manager Jessica Breslin, Union representatives and other interested observers.

The minutes of the November 28, 2017 Capital Committee Meeting were approved as presented.

**Bay Village Project Overview**

Chairperson Varley stated the Capital Committee meeting was called to discuss the CCPL Bay Village Branch. He stated at our last meeting we suspended further construction and design activity on the branch. This meeting will start the process of decisions going forward.

Chairperson Varley thanked the general public, Bay Village City Council and administration for attending this meeting. He stated it's important we have an open and candid conversation about the Bay Village project to reflect on the processes to date and to get on record how we can best proceed in the future.

Chairperson Varley stated over the past six years CCPL Board has successfully overseen a \$110 million capital improvement program. This project was in addition to that program. He stated we have closed the capital improvement program, but there were discussions about the needs in Bay Village and Middleburg Heights Branches. He mentioned we will have the Middleburg Heights Branch opening celebration on June 9.

Chairperson Varley stated we have undergone nine new buildings and ten major renovations. In eight communities where we built new library's the city or school district donated purchased land for the library. He stated in 2016 we had discussions to locate the Bay Village Branch on the Huntington Reservation, that discussion fell through because we couldn't come to an agreement with the Cleveland Metroparks and we moved on. He stated the Mayor came to us with the idea to locate the library in Cahoon Park. We then started to look at the relationship between Cahoon Park and the new library. He stated the original library in Bay Village was in the old Cahoon family home and eventually became part of the County system in 1949.

Chairperson Varley stated the conflicting feedback we received from Bay Village residents and others was the overall design and ongoing requests for major changes. CCPL Board thought we should hit the pause button and look at where we should reset to move forward. He stated after surveying we do know what the customers want in a new facility in terms of services; dedicated space for teens after school, quiet study rooms for tutoring, enhanced children area that will inspire new readers and better space for community programs including more visits from bestselling authors and that would be in addition to the other amenities we have offered in

new branches, in terms of drive up service and drop off. He stated we were moving forward in that direction, but it became unclear to CCPL Board members and the administration, so we have decided to go back to the community directly to find out what we may have been missing in terms of our discussions in a new branch. He stated we are looking for ideas and support from the city and residents to locate in Cahoon Park. In terms of Cahoon Park we do understand the importance of Cahoon Park and what it means to Bay Village.

Chairperson Varley introduced Deputy Strobel and stated that she presents the CCPL Bay Village project overview before public comment to help structure some of the comments.

Deputy Strobel gave an overview of Bay Village replacement branch. She stated 2015-2016 we gathered information and explored partnerships with Cleveland Metroparks, which did not come to fruition. She stated we did some community outreach at community events including Cahoon Park in June, and a Friends Ice Cream Social. The surveys came back stating 57% of those who participated think a new branch is a good option; 12% think it's a bad option; and 31% had no opinion. In January 2017 Bay Village city officials offered the Cahoon Park property as a site for a new branch library.

Deputy Strobel stated we knew we would be part of the vision for the City's Master Plan and we got more involved in that process. We were very grateful for the city's contribution by going through Probate Court making the investment to ensure it was legal and approved us to have a library in the Cahoon Park. There are many stipulations around the use of that property. This is an opportunity to strengthen the connection to the city center and improves convenience and visibility of the library for the Bay Village residents.

Deputy Strobel stated in June of 2017 CCPL hosted two community dialogue sessions to gather input on the building design, both the exterior aesthetics as well as the interior amenities of the building. She stated both sessions in June had great turnout and participation, but not a great consensus. We heard a variety of different opinions on what the branch should look like and what the branch should include within it. Deputy Strobel quoted some of the significantly different comments made from residents on the exterior aesthetics were; does not have to be stodgy- include modern elements, not too modern, something Cape Cod-like with charm, lots of natural light, not opposed to contemporary, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor space and a lake view. She stated there was not a consensus drawn through those comments in these public meetings, but lots of participation and passion about the topic.

Deputy Strobel stated the next steps were to meet and begin the design process with the city. We employed and contracted with Moody-Nolan Design and began the design process. She stated after some initial work, we included Bay Village city officials and met with them ten times August 2017 thru January 2018 to discuss the building project and design. There were some inspirational images decided upon throughout the process such as; natural light, glass, stone and wood were incorporated significantly. A big inspiration for the Bay Village leadership is CCPL Orange Branch, which has natural light and park like setting.

Deputy Strobel stated we began to participate in public meetings. Executive Director Feldman and CCPL Board President Shlonsky, attended a city council meeting in January 2018. Moody-Nolan Design, CCPL COO and herself, attended a city council meeting in February 2018, and a pre-submission hearing in March 2018, where we revealed a design concept which received a lot of comment from the public. She stated that CCPL received more than forty direct messages from residents expressing negative feedback on the building design such as; this design would not lend itself to the main aesthetic of our village; it will stick out like a sore thumb; we would

rather go without than to have the proposed monstrosity; and the plans in no way reflect the charm that Bay Village has, in my opinion which is shared by many residents as well that it is just plain ugly. A positive feedback; I wanted to be sure that you knew that there are some of us in the city who are thrilled that the design is progressive, modern and attractive.

Deputy Strobel stated at this point we need to take pause and reconnect with the community and get a better consensus about what the new branch should like. This is a significant investment for the Library a \$7.5 million project on a very significant piece of property in the community. She stated we want CCPL and the City of Bay Village to come together on a design that will be embraced by all and we are looking forward in trying to achieve this.

Chairperson Varley stated at this time CCPL Board has a decision to make. We have currently put this project on pause and we now have to decide rather to renovate and remodel the current branch, or we move the facility to Cahoon Park. He stated we had previously looked in Bay Village, and there aren't too many places to put a new library that would suit our needs in terms of footprint and space. He stated the public partnership with the city would be important at this time, and we welcome that to move forward. He stated we will now accept public comment for CCPL Board to consider.

Chairperson Varley stated the Board policy for anyone having a public comment is limited to three minutes, and that time limit may be extended or further limited by a vote of the Board.

### **Public Comment**

John Suter, 281 Parkside Drive, Bay Village

Mr. Suter said:

"I moved into Bay Village in 1970 and one of the things I loved about Bay Village was the old and the new. You had cottages next to brand new buildings, and right now in my backyard is the Nottingham property and people either love it or they hate it. That is sort of the dichotomy you are looking at right now. Personally, with regards to the last slide do not be swayed by a few comments that were elicited by somebody trying to stoke the fire and sending you comments in a negative fashion, this was orchestrated. If you go out to Bay Village residents in general, I think you will find they really do want a new library and they want something that will last into the future and not necessarily hark back to the past."

Scott Saccany, 29621 Wolf Road, Bay Village

Mr. Saccany said:

"I have lived in Bay Village since 1965. I sell software for a living and I see Bay Village as a place that is averse to change. When I was growing up George Steinbrenner wanted to buy a brand-new football stadium for us that was voted down. An indoor skating rink that was 90% finished was voted down. Most recently, we had a fully funded skate park that took five years and ten locations to find. I find people are averse to change. As a resident, when my family, found out that we were pulling back because of forty letters to Ms. Feldman we were surprised. We thought there was a process in place where we elected our officials. We elected the Board of Trustees that make these decisions and then they get circumnavigated by people that complain. On social media someone did a poll. There are 14,000-15,000 households in the city and the poll was about 600 people. People that are only on line and people that generally like to complain and a lot of us just want a new library. My mom who is in her eighties was in shock and said how is it we get all this way down and we are not going to have a library. My twelve-year-old son said the same, why don't we have a library Dad? I said a lot of people don't like the

modern design and I showed it to him, and he said that would be the coolest building in Bay Village. I tried to put myself in the architect's shoes and I went to our city mission. The things that make Bay Village great are the tree canopy, access to the lake and our strong devotion to education and the library does exactly that. It puts it right into the tree canopy and you are looking at the lake and it's a stunning building that says Bay Village believe in books and reading and education. A lot of us that haven't been loud we like the design and think it would be very difficult to match the look of the city. If we look at the Board of Education that was my library when I grew up. It's modern, it has big windows, it's back from the southern side and you don't get a lot of light and natural light is a good thing, but for some reason it has been a bad thing in this design. There are a lot of people that do like the design, and there are a lot of people that don't like the design and another group of people that says we want a new library. We are more interested in forming function versus form."

Karen Bartrum Jansen, 485 Bradley Road, Bay Village  
Ms. Jansen said:

"I support the new design. I feel like the positive voices weren't as vocal during the process or right after it was unveiled. My biggest problem with the current library is our Community Room. I went to the One Community Reads event we had there, and I noticed at that point it is a cinder block cell with not one window and that's where we put our kids after school, that's where we are hosting the community and other communities that come to the Bay Village Branch. I love the library and I use it a lot and I love our Librarians. I wanted to make sure you got some positive voices. I love the design, I love the stonework and I love the natural light. I think it complements our community that it doesn't match. I don't want everything to match. It is an inspiring uplifting design it's not something that just looks at the past it gives our users something to look to the future for."

Cathy Flament, 293 Glen Park Drive, Bay Village  
Ms. Flament said:

"I disagree with the comments being made. I don't think there has been a major push by one or two people to try and get this totally changed. I feel the concern is that a lot of the comments that were made and if you look at the percentage of people that said they want a traditional design because of the location the percentage is very high. The location in Cahoon Park which is a historic area is where I think a lot of people have concern. Some of the comments were to have it blend in with Cahoon Park to have it blend in with City Hall. I think we can have an attractive building and I think you can have some modern aspects, but I think the outside should blend in with something where you are virtually being given land where the library is going to be. I like modern, but I don't think it is appropriate for where it is going, and I also don't think the design that was used is something that's earth shattering or overly attractive. Two comments that were made at the meeting where it was presented; 1.) you can now look over the lake because of all the glass you can't see the lake from where that is. If you go into City Hall and you look out on the second story floors it's not visible you are too far away and 2.) the other statement was it would look over the park, but this is at an angle. The angle doesn't face the park area or the ravine it's actually facing the back of City Hall, so you are looking at a parking lot and the side of the building. I really hope you will consider where this is going, and I think people have always been extremely supportive of our schools and our library and I do think people want this to go forward. I have heard a lot of comments about people very concerned because of the land that it's on. I hope you will consider CCPL North Olmsted Branch that would tie in perfectly. Another comment is that Rocky River Library is beautiful, you could tie that in. I think you could still have a lot of glass but tie it in with the area, so it looks like it is

going to fit it. Bay Village is a New England type community. We have some modern but very little. If people want ultra-modern don't move to Bay Village. I hope you will reconsider and that we are on track to get this started this year."

Conda Boyd, 27896 W. Oakland Road, Bay Village  
Ms. Boyd said:

"I am here to ask that you come back to the table in a timely fashion and a respectful manner to give us a timeline that's in line with the original promise that was made to the community of 2020. I realize this is putting you back a little but hopefully we can get back on to that timeline. I pay taxes to the city as well as to CCPL, and I would like to point out that you are not giving us a new library that is worth \$7.5 million, not just that new library, you are also giving us about \$550,000.00 for maintenance on the existing building and that building is going to get turned over to the city to either demolish or to improve for other purposes. Nobody is admitting and saying out loud that you are not just giving us a new thing you are also giving us the old one. I am also concerned about the talk of them putting the building in Cahoon Park and it has been said to meet your needs for the next forty years. What is going to happen to that vital corner in our town forty years hence? Are you going to leave us with another building with deferred maintenance? As Mr. Varley said there is not a lot of room to put a new building where are you going to put the next one? Is this a once in a lifetime thing? I am going to live more than forty years, I hope. We need to look at real cost, total cost, the cost of doing whatever with the existing building and the cost of what we are going to be faced with when this new building is going away."

Tom Kelly, 25473 Wolf Road, Bay Village  
Mr. Kelly said:

"I have a slightly different perspective by virtue of the nature that I am a transplant. I grew up my entire life in Cuyahoga County, but I have only been a resident of Bay Village about 12 or 13 years. As a result, some of the history while I am aware of it doesn't weight on me the same way it weighs on others. The biggest point I wish to make is to ask that you consider not moving forward as quickly with the proposed renovations to the existing branch. My thought on that particular item is that if you move in that direction by virtue of that investment you are in essence enhancing or increasing the pause as its been described. I recognized that puts certain burdens on the present facility but making such a significant investment in the current facility when what is on the table in terms of a new facility is such a major investment, I think would be a mistake and would increase those prospects. I agree with some of the remarks in terms of the location of the facility and I disagree with others. I think the most poignant statement was made by Mr. Suter at the beginning of this meeting which is whatever you decide to do based on my experiences you will not reach a full consensus, there is going to be disagreement. This is a very civic minded community that is heavily engaged and no matter what element of the community rather it's education in schools, this facility or other opportunities, you are going to run into a certain level of blow-back no matter what you do but recognize this is a facility that has merit and the community will benefit from immensely. We look forward to continuing to work with you. Thank you."

Mayor Paul Koomar, 350 Dover Center Road, Bay Village  
Mayor Koomar said:

“You know my support for the project. I want to introduce the three Trustees present because the proposed building is in Cahoon Park and they are key members and key decision makers in the process. Nancy Stainbrook, Peter Winzig, and Sara Byrnes Maier serve on the informal committee of Cahoon Park to work together with the administration. They were all re-elected in November and the four of us including Dwight Clark, Council President supported the library. We were all re-elected by a nice margin and the largest focus group you can have is a vote of the people. All those were platforms with their campaigns. As we move forward there are a lot of comments you hear from the community. I think when we work together on a project these individuals and myself are the best connection to the city, we are the elected representatives. We are out in the community listening to everyone, we listen to all community input, we listen to social media we look at it all and we weigh it appropriately. As you are getting comments back you have heard there are going to be a diverse set of comments. I think this group of four are best suited to work with you. When we come to the planning commission together with a formal submission to move forward, we will be there supporting that. I think in the planning process to include us in that process, if you are getting comments back, we are getting comments back and we will work with you to make this a reality. Increase natural light, higher ceilings, the interior function is accepted in Bay Village and is welcome. I think we can partner that with an exterior that will blend into the community. I think it is absolutely doable and the architects on our Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review (ABR) believe that’s the case. I really think bringing a world class new facility not a rehab facility will best serve the residents.”

Nancy Stainbrook, 624 Millard Drive, Bay Village  
Councilwoman-at-large Stainbrook said:

“I was also previously Ward 3 Councilwoman from 2002-2005 during that time we executed the largest number of building projects in the city’s history. We built a new police station, new middle school, new community gym and city pool. I mentioned those because many of us currently on Council are very familiar with the building process and we know that it is a building process. We actively include our Planning Commission and ABR. We very much look forward to partnering with CCPL on this project to build a state-of-the-art library that Bay Village residents absolutely deserve. As elected officials we have done significant work up to this point to prepare for this project. That work includes tenant and department relocations and multiple lawsuits related to the Cahoon Park site. Our Law Director Gary Ebert will discuss those efforts further. I can tell you City Council and the Cahoon Park Trustees fully supports this project. As Mayor Koomar mentioned residents do rely on elected officials to help represent their interest. I represent the entire city and I spent last summer walking the entire city and the feedback from our resident’s overwhelmingly support this project. The library is intended to be an anchor of our city center, it provides a community gathering place it will establish connectivity to all of Bay Village, through walking, biking trails and parks it’s a very important part of the city. The library is a key element to our master plan. Both Bay Village and CCPL have expended significant resources to date. This has been a process and all of those involved from the beginning understand that. I strongly encourage the Board to move quickly to get this project back on track, we look forward to an established timeline, that includes identified dates for plan submission to our Planning Commission and ABR and as city officials we are more than happy to move forward in partnership on this very important community project. I really appreciate your time. Thank you.”

Gary Ebert, 153 Kensington Circle, Bay Village  
Law Director Gary Ebert said:

“I have been Law Director over thirty years. I have seen Bay Village move forward and also maintain its historical nature. I also worked with Mayor Sutherland who started this process a while back. I became interim Mayor before Mayor Koomar and I came here with Mayor Koomar before the entire CCPL Board and I recall one of CCPL Trustees commenting that if a helicopter flew over Bay Village the best location would be in Cahoon Park. It’s the center of town across from schools, across from the Senior Center and parks and ideal location. The fact that the library used to be in Cahoon Park maintains its historical nature. Cahoon Park is special, and we had to go to probate court. We also had to go to the Attorney General Trust Division, Attorney General for State Teachers Association to get them on board and, Key Bank who was administrator in 1917 in trust to get their approval. We spent significant funds to make the plea to the court to get approval. In that period of time there were two individuals who fought us with five lawsuits, and we were successful in probate court and court of appeals to make sure we do maintain our commitment to the library to move this forward. I have worked extensively with your attorney for the land lease because one of the issues with Cahoon Park location was to get the land lease negotiated moving forward for construction. The land lease is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way and we are committed as far as the land lease is concerned. We indicated to the Cahoon Park Trustees to bring forward any concerns they had with the lease and we were in the process of that right before we put on the pause situation. We moved the tenant out and also started moving the recreation department out of this building anticipating moving forward on this project. All these efforts show the commitment of the Cahoon Park Trustees to move forward. I hope we can go forward without further delay, so we don’t lose this valuable asset in Bay Village.”

Chairperson Varley asked the two individuals that filed suit against the city were they residents?

Law Director Ebert stated neither were Bay Village residents.

Sara Byrnes Maier, 309 Root Street, Bay Village  
Councilwoman Maier, Ward 3 said:

“How I became involved in city council I was on the Master Plan Steering Committee. Our master plan was adopted last summer and wanted to make sure elements of that master plan came to fruition. We have done a lot of planning as a city to accommodate this library. It goes back to 2004 as part of our retail improvement strategy to include a library in Cahoon Park. It adds a lot of strength to our civic core, it was included in the city’s master plan and looking at your planning the 2009 strategic plan for your capital improvements we knew we would be waiting a while Bay Village was not the highest priority, but there is a commitment to make improvements and serve our population, I hope that continues forward. I know the timeline is adjusted now and you are hitting the pause button, but there is no need to put it off until 2022. I think we can get this back on track. City Council and residents are all very supportive of this process and we are the representatives for the community, and we want to engage them and continue the process and get it back on track. City Council has the will to move forward. The timeline you had for the original project was March of last year when they solicited bids for architectural services with a contract executed in June a little over a year to get a shovel into the ground. The timeline could be put back on track and Council have the will to move forward and hoping we can work together with you on it. Thank you.”

Peter Winzig, 31183 Roberta Drive, Bay Village  
Councilman Winzig, Ward 4 said:

“I am the Ward 4 representative for Bay Village. I have been involved in this project since 2016. I am a Board member of the Bay Arts Association and I worked with Councilwoman Maier’s team on investigating different library designs and library projects and I was part of the review for the Huntington Playhouse location and part of the team that recommended that the project possibly be moved to the city center. I am also the head of our Parks and Recreation Committee. One of our goals is to make sure the green space around the project fits specifically with what we are trying to do on the master plan. I am very excited about the project and Council is committed and I really recommend that we get the project back on track, move forward and not wait too long. Thank you.”

Dwight Clark, 571 Marygate Drive, Bay Village  
President City Council, Clark said:

“Chairman Varley and the Capital Committee members thank you very much for the time and consideration you have given us here. This location is ideal it is the centerpiece of our master plan which Councilwoman Maier noted in 2017. It has access to our middle school, Dwyer Senior Center, community pool, city hall, shopping center and to our baseball and tennis courts and the new proposed housing project which will start soon. I have talked to each of my council colleagues that are present here today and those that are not here today, and to each person is 100% committed to this new project and this new location and you have my word as well. As Councilwoman Stainbrook mentioned earlier, we hadn’t done a lot of public projects in this city. We are 98% residential and 2% commercial this is a big change for this city, but it is the first major public project we have done in 15 years. We understand there have been challenges on both sides, but we are committed to keeping this project on track. When the library went to the levy in 2008 the Bay Village voters affirmed that levy by a score of more than 2 to 1 second highest in all the county. That shows you how much we care about CCPL system and each of you do a wonderful job in meeting the needs of our community and we want to be your partners and support that as well.”

Cathy Flament, 293 Glen Park Drive, Bay Village  
Ms. Flament said:

“What you are hearing consistently we do want a library and the site is perfect. Originally there was a library on this site. The concern is the design, if we can look at that again try and tie it in. The middle school and the police department are both designs that would fit in this area perfectly. If we can rethink that you can see Bay Village is very committed to a new library the problem is not the site, the site is perfect. We are just looking at the design and the interior of it.”

Cassimir Svigelj said:

“I am a resident of Rocky River and is the democratic candidate for State Representative which incorporates all of Bay Village. There have been ten design meetings already and the more resources we take away at going back to the drawing board is less the community of Bay Village gets. It is important that we get these new resources because Bay Village is falling behind in the rest of the district in education and we need private tutoring rooms and more education resources so that Bay Village is still competitive against the other cities in the state and the new library is imperative.”

Conda Boyd, 27896 W. Oakland Road, Bay Village  
Ms. Boyd said:

“I seconded Ms. Flament’s comments that the site is good, and we do want a new library. I encourage you to think of the long-term cost, the design is the question. Mr. Svirgelj’s comment that there had been ten design meetings, there has only been one design meeting where the community gave you input and only one meeting where we got to look at what you were planning. What are your plans to re-engage the community beyond this session? Do you plan to show us the interior? This is something we could come together on. All we’ve seen is the exterior that some like and some don’t. Show us an interior that everybody would like, and you would have a lot of public support behind that.”

Chairperson Varley commented on form versus function on the interior. A lot of people wonder why the interiors are made the way they are in the new buildings. There is a reason for that in terms of cost and cost savings and service points. All of the new branches are on one floor and Bay Village would have two floors. He mentioned the Parma-Snow Branch has direct line of site into all of the customer areas where those areas could be supervised and also be accessible and it provides a cost savings to us in terms of staffing. In the ABR meeting it was said that we have to be sensitive to codes and restrictions from the fire department and other buildings in terms of the interior. We are very sensitive to outsiders designing the interior of the buildings where our staff has to work and provide service points. Why are we doing it this way, we need to do it that way from an operational viewpoint.

CCPL Board President Shlonsky thanked Mayor Koomar and City Council for being here and for their comments. We appreciate your support on the project to build a new library. We have a lot of conflict about the design the reason we put it on pause. From what she is hearing we do need to engage the community and have further discussion about the design and what the majority of the community would like to see.

Trustee Spangler commented she appreciates everyone’s attendance today and hearing the comments from Bay Village leadership and residents. She commented she agrees with President Shlonsky. What is certainly needed at this point is to get back on track and move forward to ensure that when your families are in a branch their service needs are met. We know we cannot please everyone, but we have to find a way to come together on the design. Trustee Spangler mentioned Mayor Koomar’s comment that he and the Trustees have been elected and represent the residents. We need to establish a process that will ensure you are gathering input and being the face to your residents and engaging them appropriately and acting as their voice to avoid us getting a skewed view from a few loud voices or voices that seem to be stoked. We are committed to figuring out the right process for efficiency and ensure the right people are hearing the right voices. It is important to get on track as soon as possible to move this project forward.

Trustee Leonard thanked everyone for coming in and voicing their concerns and opinions. He understands the city is very committed to seeing the project go forward. The site is not the challenge or the question it is the design. Some liked the design others do not. He still sees a lot of conflict in terms of what is the design. The Library didn’t want to make a \$7.5 million investment on a design the community didn’t like. This is why we hit the pause button. He agrees with the comment made earlier that no matter what you do you cannot keep everybody happy. Whatever we end up with will not please everyone in this community because they do

have strong opinions and it will be a challenge. The pause makes sense and we need to come up with a design acceptable to most people.

John Suter said:

“With regard to the design what is a library a place to put books, have computers or is it a place to stimulate people. If you just want it to be a repository, build a bunker put it underground. If you want to stimulate people, stimulate discussion. There is absolutely nothing wrong with a modern design some may say that’s too futuristic. I think you need to look forward into the design and not necessarily kill out ideas for those that want more traditionalism. Bay Village has a contrast in terms of the way the houses are done they are not all in a row. You have some nice mansions and when I moved into Bay Village there were a lot of cottages. Don’t worry about total design in terms of offending somebody. Look at it in terms of stimulating discussion which I think is really the library’s purpose to do.”

Councilwoman Stainbrook said:

“I have a unique prospective as President Clark mentioned the building activity, we went through fifteen years ago was unheard of and very similar as of today with lots of comments pro, con and in the middle. When I talk about being an elected official this is about process and we all have a process in place and that process includes the Trustees, who will make the decision and the duly elected will do our best to represent all the input you get from our residents. In combination with our Planning Commission and ABR is where the meat and potatoes are to get the process moving. With regard to the comments on style a lot of people in Bay Village have the impression that it’s New England but if you look around there is a lot of variety in all of our building and architecture. We have a new Vivid Jewelers on the corner while it used a historic site it has very new and modern design. There are new town homes going in a cross next door and down the street from the new jewelers which would be directly across from the library. The new library will bring new and fresh ideas to anchor our town center. Overall, we have all been elected and we represent our constituents and that in combination with our Boards and Commissions does a really good job in terms of the process and maintaining integrity and consistency.”

President City Council Clark said:

“We have talked about economics here as well. The library has come out of pocket for a significant amount for architectural cost and the city as well. I suggest looking forward and in talking with my colleagues that CCPL consider forgoing a significant amount of the renovations at the existing library and put those resources into a collaboration in working with the city at this point to move the new project forward.”

Mayor Koomar said:

“Thank you, Trustee Spangler, for your comments on that connection. As we move forward on next steps working with the three Trustees and myself, we will determine what the process looks like and make sure we listen to the community which is the first step and the most important step.”

Chairperson Varley closed public comments. He commented the Capital Committee will support and direct CCPL staff and the administration of the library to think about what was heard today and develop a process to reengage the community through Mayor Koomar and the three Trustees of Cahoon Park on how we can advance this project. Bay Village wants a new library and the administration, Trustees, and Council are willing to work towards this process. Chairperson Varley asked President Shlonsky if at the next scheduled CCPL Board meeting scheduled on May 22<sup>nd</sup> if some recommendations from the administration be presented to the full Board, to move this project forward in a timely fashion and direction. President Shlonsky agreed.

**Other:**

**Adjournment:**

There was no other business before the Capital Committee, and Trustee and Capital Committee Chairperson Varley called the Committee adjourned at 9:34 a.m.