

# PROGRESS REPORT

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## Library Exploratory Advisory Committee



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**Chairperson:** Sue Smith

**Secretary:** Lisa Neumann

**Committee:** Andrew Shoemaker, Alixe Bielot, Shelia Steger, Pat Antony, Gene Frings

The committee was developed by the Mayor to come up with a new site downtown for a library. The committee was asked to use their imagination whether it would be renovating an existing building, finding a new location or tearing down an old building to start new. The Mayor left the choice up to the committee and the council agreed.



## Recap of Meetings

### March 5th

- Discussed scope of Library Exploratory Advisory Committee (LEAC)
- Elected chairperson and secretary
- Discussed February edition of Municipality focus on libraries

### March 12

- Reviewed feasibility survey
- Reviewed need for new library
- Set goals and timelines
- Discussed possible site locations
- Discussed committee touring other libraries

### April 2

- Tour Red Brick School

### April 9

- Continued discussion on goal of committee
- Discussed Red Brick School Tour
- Discussion all other possible site locations
- Update on other libraries visited by committee members

## **May 1**

- Reviewed maps of all possible site locations
- Send letter to Board of Education for availability of two John Street properties
- Discuss with Mayor site location of Malt House ground and Senior Center
- First article written in Dodge County Pionier on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> edition
- Update on other libraries visited by committee members
- Discussed fundraising app with Friends Library group

## **May 21**

- Update on letter sent by Mayor of site location of Malt House ground and Senior Center
- Update on letter sent to Board of Education regarding availability of two sites on John Street
- Discussed recommendation to city council with a progress report
- Update on other libraries visited by committee members
- Set up two tour days in June to tour libraries as a committee:

June 4<sup>th</sup> Germantown and Slinger

June 7<sup>th</sup> Oconomowoc and Watertown

## Reasons for a New Library

After many discussions and a tour of the current library facility the Library Exploratory Advisory Committee lists these reasons for the need for a new library:

- Library was built in 1968 with an initial donation of \$50,000 by local Attorney Dietze
- Not ADA compliant
- Interior lighting and heating is outdated and obsolete, not energy efficient
- No existing rooms for quiet study, tutoring, group studies or community meetings
- Library is now a community gathering place
- Can't increase electricity which prevents additional computers to be added
- Basement has water issues, storage issues, foundation problems
- Not enough office space for day to day operations
- Children's space has no electrical outlets for computers
- No data ports for internet lines
- Access for elderly is very difficult
- No space for adult and children programs
- Not enough shelf space for books and materials
- Outdated restroom facilities

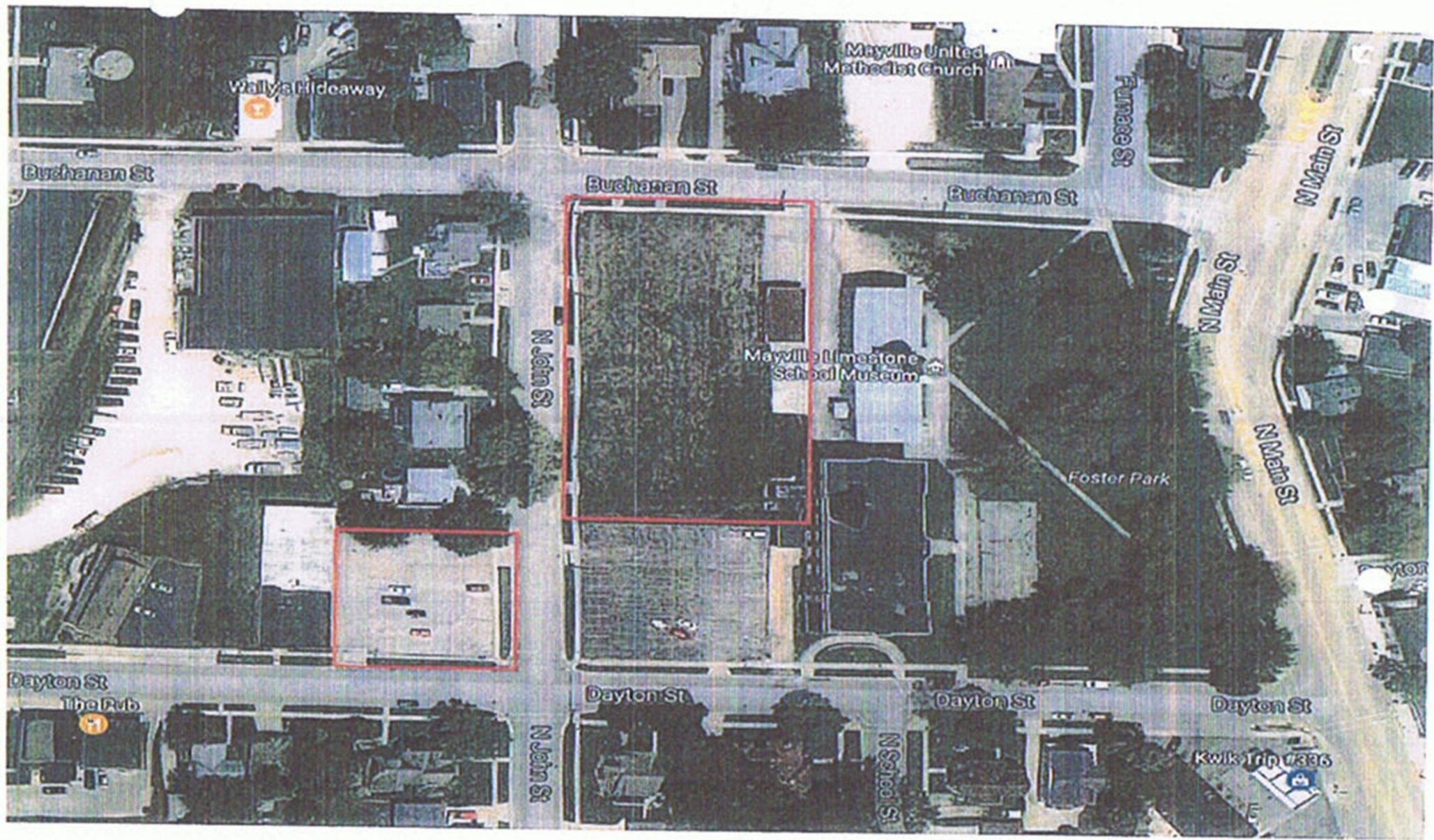
## Recommendation

The Library Exploratory Advisory Committee is recommending that our choice for a site location is the two school board properties on John Street comprised of 1.2+ acres.

**This is an ideal location that keeps the library centrally located and a downtown anchor:**

- Situated on the dedicated public square
- Site property is flat
- Site property has no buildings that need to be torn down
- Property is not removed from the city tax roll
- Location being slightly off of Main Street is safer for all ages
- Property has adjacent green space in Foster Park
- Property adjoins one of our historical museums-The White Limestone School
- Property location will not change travel patterns for library patrons
- Property has additional parking

Our alternative site location if necessary is the Malt House Ground and Senior Center property.



## **Board of Education Resolution**

Attached is the Board's resolution.

The Board of Education has completed the appraisal process and deemed the attached property as surplus in a good faith effort to demonstrate their support of the land being used for community literacy. The land is currently zoned for public use and is being viewed by the Board as a "package" - the parking lot and the green space.

**The District welcomes the opportunity to discuss the next steps in your planning process.**

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MAYVILLE

RESOLUTION #17-18-240

APPROVAL OF SUPPLUS PROPERTY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of Mayville declare the District owned property (parking lot located at the corner of John and Dayton Streets and green space located at 234 N. John Street) as surplus, as presented/amended at the first meeting of the month of May, 2018.

Additions/Deletions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ deemed for public library use only.  
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Motion for approval Joe / Amended Joe

Seconded by Norb / Norb  
7-0 / 7-0

Vote tally: Aye \_\_\_\_\_, Nay \_\_\_\_\_, Absent/abstaining \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated: May 8, 2018

David E. Openoff  
Board Clerk