



2755 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931-3504

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filed with Charlie Green, County Clerk
and Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

Dear Clerk:

Please accept this Public Facilities Report update on behalf of the Fort Myers Beach Public Library.

189.415 Special district public facilities report.

(a) A description of existing public facilities: This description shall include the current capacity of the facility, the current demands placed upon it, and its location.

The library is located at 2755 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

The 34,190 square foot library is open to the public 53 hours during a typical week. It is expected that construction will be completed by the end of January, 2013.

A progress report was mailed to all taxpayers in the Library District in October, 2012 noting that library usage increased 8% over last year, despite the building being under construction.

We have a completed and expanded Community Room that holds 110 people. Plans are to have an increased number of adult programs in this area, and more children's programs in Kid's Place, a separate area devoted to children, infant to grade 6. The Community Room has already begun with usage by community groups or resident usage.

As of September 30, 2012, the library collection contained 71,059 print titles, 14,706 audio and visual titles, and 170 periodical subscriptions. The library has 5,784 registered users. During the past fiscal year 96,342 items were checked out and 19,824 people reserved time on the library's public Internet stations and 43,532 virtual visits. Statistics this year do not include the express Internet station that can be used without reservation nor Wi-Fi available in the Library Commons. We also observe a larger number of residents and visitors spending time at the library and using materials in-house.

(b) A description of each public facility the district is building, improving, or expanding, or is currently proposing to build, improve, or expand within. For each public facility identified, the report shall describe how the district currently proposes to finance the facility.

The library has already completed a new addition opened in October, 2012, with renovation of the existing building expected to be completed by the end of January, 2013. The approved development order (CNC2010-00016) provides details.

The project includes site lighting, landscaping, water and sewer services, storm water management, and related site improvements. The total building occupant load will be 653. Though not seeking certification as a "Green Building," the goal is to be environmentally green and sustainable.

The Library Construction Fund will cover the complete cost of the construction. It is expected that this fund will be fully spent by the end of June, 2013 with all construction debt paid. Operation costs are expected to be covered by the operating budget, with no need for a millage increase. A Catastrophe Fund has been established to help address unexpected catastrophic occurrences.

(c) If the special district currently proposes to replace any facilities identified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) within the next 10 years, the date when such facility will be replaced.

The addition and renovation currently underway are expected to cover district needs for the next two decades. The new and updated facility will allow the library to meet the needs of a 21st century population and be prepared for the increased demands being placed on public libraries in Florida and throughout the United States, as reported in numerous studies and reports.

(d) The anticipated time the construction, improvement, or expansion of each facility will be completed.

The timeframe for construction has already been addressed above.

(e) The anticipated capacity of and demands on each public facility when completed. In the case of an improvement or expansion of a public facility, both the existing and anticipated capacity must be listed.

The anticipated capacity of the finished facility is 110,000 volumes plus an e-book/digital collection, with an occupant load of 653.

Judging the favorable response of many in the community to the expansion and renovation, and anticipated demands for more Community Room events, developing exhibitions and development during 2013-2014 of an e-book/digital collection, we anticipate demands on the facility will grow, both during season and off-season.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leroy Hommerding, Library Director