



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

December 31, 2013

Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk
Town Hall
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Dear Clerk:

Please accept this Public Facilities description 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. Grand opening was celebrated in January, 2013 marking the completion of construction, with all construction debt paid. Millage was reduced in the 2013-2014 year. A Catastrophe Fund has been established to help address unexpected catastrophic occurrences. Facility capacity is 110,000 volumes plus an e-book/digital collection, with occupant load of 653. The building is environmentally green and sustainable.

We have a Community Room that holds 110 people. The library sponsored 203 programs in this area, and 63 children's programs in Kid's Place, a separate area devoted to children, infant to grade 6 with total attendance of 4,757.

As of September 30, 2013, the library collection contained 72,077 print titles, 15, 438 audio and visual titles, and 171 periodical subscriptions. The library has 5,923 registered users with accounts

updated annually. During the past fiscal year 91,034 items were checked out and though materials are used in-house we are not counting that in-house usage at present. 19,903 people reserved time on the library's public Internet stations and 55,469 virtual visits. Statistics do not include the express Internet station that can be used without reservation nor Wi-Fi available in the Library Commons. 144,978 people used library services in person.

It is our understanding that any special district that has completed the construction of its public facilities, improvements to its facilities, or its development is not required to submit a public facilities report. We provide the information in (a). Should your understanding be otherwise, please advise.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leroy Hommerding, Library Director