

## FAQ – New BOTY Library Discussion at the Roundtable Nov. 18, 2021

Below is a summary of questions and answers received at the November 18 meeting of the Back of the Yards / New City neighborhood roundtable related to a new public library in the neighborhood.

### **Will the City be communicating with the community throughout the site selection process?**

Yes, the INVEST South/West team will be attending and participating in more neighborhood discussions, and the community will be notified once a site is selected. There will be more opportunities for engagement as the process moves forward. The City looks forward to community feedback through a community survey.

### **How will community input be collected?**

Input will be gathered through the survey and future community discussions.

### **Is there a best point of contact on the process of developing a new library? How can the community submit comments or questions?**

Yes, the community can email [NewBOTY@chipublib.org](mailto:NewBOTY@chipublib.org).

### **Are there dates set aside for future community input events?**

No additional dates have been scheduled at this time, but the INVEST South/West team plans to host more engagement events and conversations with the community throughout the process.

### **Will you be engaging with local schools to get youth input?**

Yes, the City and the library will make sure youth voices are heard and encourages community youth to take the survey.

### **How will parking and public transportation accessibility to the new library be prioritized?**

Ideally, the INVEST South/West team would prefer all branch libraries have parking and be located near public transportation. The team is also aware parking can be a challenge at times in urban settings. Community members are encouraged to fill out the survey and identify the most important factors to guide consideration of possible locations.

### **Will this be a new stand-alone library, or will the library be placed within an existing location?**

The INVEST South/West team is still in the process of discussing potential options and engaging with property owners in the area. The location and layout of the new library will depend on community feedback and the availability of land.

### **The state is providing \$15 million for the library. Has the City identified other sources of funds?**

At this point, the City is not aware of a need for additional funding beyond the \$15 million.

### **Does the state funding expire by a certain time if it is not being used?**

No, the grant funding will not expire.