

Maitland Public Library Timeline

2018 – A facility assessment report was conducted by Borelli and Associates as a first step in the space needs analysis of the existing library facility.

1. Addressed near- and long-term fixes and renovations if the building continued use as a library.
2. Many of the short-term issues already were addressed.

June 7, 2019 - City Council Workshop

1. Primarily discussed joint-use library and civic center.
 - a. Discussed joint management.
 - b. Discussed acquisition of Maitland Civic Center.
2. City Council consensus was that a new library was needed.
3. City Council directed the City Manager to engage the Civic Center board in a discussion of potential joint-use and management models.

October 4, 2019 – City Council Workshop

1. The City Council discussed the pros and cons of a joint-use library and Civic Center.
2. The City Council determined the best course of action was to look at the existing library site to determine the feasibility of constructing a new facility.

January 27, 2020 – City Council Meeting

1. ACI Architects presented findings on whether a new library could fit on the current site.
2. Issues:
 - a. Odd shaped, triangular lot.
 - b. Lack of parking space.
 - c. Exceeds impervious surface ratios established by building codes.
Non-compliance issues – the library would lose interior program space if it was brought into compliance with building codes.
 - d. Borelli and Associates report identified construction deficiencies.
 - e. Conclusion - Renovation of the existing space as a library is not an efficient or cost-effective option.

3. Looked at 3 configurations for the existing library site.
 - a. Still under parked, even with addition of a parking structure.
 - b. No expansion room for the building.
 - c. No outdoor space for building additions.
 - d. Must relocate library during construction.
4. Conclusion – no practical and cost-efficient solution to on-site reconstruction.
 - a. Life cycle of the building is far beyond cost effectiveness to improve as a new library.
 - b. Parking is inefficient and costly.
 - c. Site is landlocked.
 - d. Yields an inefficient interior layout with little flexibility.
5. City Council directed staff to look at alternative sites more appropriate for a new library.
6. Resolution to acquire Civic Center site.
 - a. Discussed alternatives for inclusion of Civic Center site into a larger joint facility with the library.
 - b. Tabled for 30 days to discuss joint use of both sites.

February 24, 2020 City Council Meeting

Resolution to acquire Civic Center site:

- a. Civic center responded with 7-point letter outlining issues and concerns.
- b. City Council determined that the Civic Center board's issues would not lead to a productive resolution. Discussed options again for combining facilities and potential structure for a collaboration.
- c. Resolution tabled indefinitely.

August 12, 2020 – City Council Workshop

ACI Architects conducted an analysis of pros and cons for three potential sites – Library/Civic Center combined site, Quinn Strong Park, North Lot (City Owned lot at the N.E. Corner of Horatio Avenue and Maitland Avenue).

August 24, 2020 – City Council Meeting

1. Discussion of library site took place under the City Managers Report.
2. Consensus to include public input.
3. City Council determined that a site must be selected first.
4. Questions included whether a new library was needed; how each proposed site fits within the context of Maitland's downtown development plan; What would happen to the old library.

August 31, 2020 - City Council Workshop

Based upon the previous workshop, the City Council held another workshop to determine 2 things:

1. Does Maitland need a new library? The answer was. "Yes".
2. Which of the three proposed sites is most appropriate?
 - a. The unanimous consent of City Council was to rank the Quinn Strong site as the best site for the new library.

September 14, 2020 - City Council Meeting

1. City Council voted unanimously to approve Quinn Strong Park as the site for a new library.
2. City Council agreed to contract with a private firm to begin a public involvement process and conceptual design process.
3. Due to complications related to Covid-19, public involvement and conceptual design phase postponed.

September 18, 2022 –

The city issued a Request for Qualifications to find a firm for architectural design and public involvement.

February 27, 2023 – City Council Meeting

City Council selects HBM Architecture and Interior Design as the top firm for the library design project.

May 8, 2023 – City Council Meeting

City Council approves HBM contract.

June 28 and 29, 2023 –

City conducts in-person public involvement process over 4 sessions. This is followed by an online survey that was open for 2 weeks for individuals who were unable to attend the in-person events.

September 14, 2023 – City Council Workshop

City Council is presented alternative designs for the new library at Quinn Strong Park.

October 23, 2023 – City Council Meeting

City Council selects architectural design for library.

October 31, 2023 – City Council Workshop

City Council discusses financing options and funding sources for new library.

November 13, 2023 - City Council Meeting

City Council votes to request a voter bond referendum for 14 million dollars to fund the library augmented with current city funds.