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PUBLIC TO REVIEW MANITOU LIBRARY EXPANSION PLANS

MANITOU SPRINGS (December 28, 2016) – The City of Manitou Springs invites the public to review proposed expansion and remodel plans for the Manitou Springs Library.

After receiving six proposals, a team led by Architect Roger Thorp of Thorp Associates was selected by the City in July 2016 to develop plans for expansion and remodel of the historic Carnegie Library.

The team held a series of public meetings to obtain feedback and information from the community. They then took the public input, and that of personnel from the Pikes Peak Library District, which operates the Manitou Springs Library, and developed over the last five months several versions of expansion plans. The final draft proposal was presented to the Manitou Springs Historic Preservation Commission on December 7, at which time the Commission unanimously approved the conceptual design.

A meeting to allow the general public to review the proposed expansion plans and provide comments is scheduled on January 9, 2017, from 4-6pm at Manitou City Hall (606 Manitou Avenue). Everyone interested in the plans for the future of the community library is invited to attend. The proposal will be presented to the Park and Rec Advisory Board that same evening to update it on impacts to the park surrounding the current library building. A final presentation of the conceptual plans will be made to the Manitou Springs City Council on February 7, 2017. Both the Park and Rec and City Council meetings begin at 6pm; the public is welcome to attend either or both of them as well.

Go to <http://ppld.org/manitou-library-expansion> for information and to see the draft expansion plans. You can also email carnegie@comsgov.com with questions. Once the conceptual expansion and remodel plans are approved by the City Council, fundraising for the project will begin and it is hoped construction could be underway as early as 2018.

