

At two Policy Sessions this morning, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to the following actions regarding the Gladstone and Oak Lodge libraries. These actions were based on significant construction cost escalations and market volatility.

Gladstone:

Decisions:

- Construction will be paused for up to one year. (The County will work with the City of Gladstone to amend the intergovernmental agreement accordingly)
- The County will not use library district operating funds for construction of the library

Next Steps

- Design work and construction drawings will be completed by in the next few months
- Demolition of the City Hall will proceed

Oak Lodge:

Decisions

- Complete design work for a free-standing library
- The County will not use district operating funds for construction of the library
- Construction will be paused for up to a year

Next Steps

- Design work and construction drawings will be completed over the next year

While it wasn't discussed at the Policy Sessions, decisions about NCPRD's Concord building will be discussed at a future NCPRD Board of Directors meeting.

We recognize that this timeline is not what the you were expecting. However, as stewards of public funds, the Board of County Commissioners feel it is in the public's best interest to delay construction of both libraries until construction industry costs stabilize and hopefully decrease.

Please let me know if you have questions. In the meantime, we will contact you as we proceed with design.

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