

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY
RESOLUTION 13-214**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL REJECT CITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN URBAN PARK LOCATION ON
THE LIBRARY LOT SITE**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ann Arbor District Library, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, held in the City of Ann Arbor, on the 17th day of March 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Head, Kaplan, Leary, Murphy, Barney Newman, Rosenthal, Surovell

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Secretary Head, and supported by Trustee Leary:

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) is an independent governmental entity established under the laws of Michigan with its own taxation district, dedicated millage, and elected Board of Trustees; and is separate from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, and the Ann Arbor Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the AADL's Downtown facility at 343 S. Fifth Avenue is the anchor library for the system; houses most of the staff, collections, meeting rooms, and other facilities; receives 600,000 visits a year; and is immediately adjacent to the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority's "Library Lane Parking Structure" (Structure) at 319 South Fifth Avenue; so that the uses of the Structure and the space on top of it (now used for surface parking) have an immediate impact on the Downtown library;

WHEREAS, a *Resolution Designating an Urban Public Park Location on the Library Lot Site* (Resolution) is before the Ann Arbor City Council (Council); which proposes a park on the entire west side, from the north to the south, of the top of the Structure, and includes specific suggestions affecting adjacent properties including but not limited to AADL (such as easements across property and relocation of entrances);

WHEREAS, the AADL Board has not objected to the concept of an open or urban space as part of buildings on the site, shown on plans since 2007-08; and

WHEREAS, the resolution does not allocate the City resources needed to create a successful park, such as physical maintenance, programming, and monitoring unsafe behavior; and whereas the City has not been able to allocate resources for those purposes to the nearby Liberty Plaza park, Wheeler park, Sculpture plaza on North 4th Ave, or the Kerrytown plaza; and

WHEREAS, the AADL Board places a high priority on providing a safe and welcoming environment at Ann Arbor's public library for the entire community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1.) That the AADL Board asks the Council to reject the Resolution until the entire site at 319 South Fifth Avenue receives a complete review by experts in zoning, land use, economic development, and others who can determine the highest and best use of the property; ensure the safety and security of AADL patrons; and consult with the owners and occupants of surrounding properties, downtown business owners, and other stakeholders Council may identify.
- 2.) That all resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

AYES: Head, Leary, Murphy, Barney Newman, Rosenthal, Surovell
NAYS: Kaplan

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Secretary