Welcome!

Tonight’s Agenda:
● Welcome & Introductions
● Tips & Tricks for Online Engagement + Ground Rules
● Icebreaker & Menti practice
● SPPL Facilities Planning: Process thus far & what we have learned
● Renovation Possibilities
● Rebuild Possibilities
● Tell Us Your Priorities in a Library
Tips & Tricks

- Turn video on if you can
- Mute your microphone.
- Type questions in the chat, or click "hand" to let us know if you have a question.
Ground Rules

● Give & receive welcome
● Be present as fully as possible
● Share your truth in ways that respect other people's truth
● When the going gets tough, turn to wonder.
  ○ “I wonder what brought them to this belief. I wonder what they're feeling right now. I wonder what my feeling teaches me about myself.”

Adapted from Circle of Trust Touchstones
SPPL Facilities
Direction
PROCESS THUS FAR & WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED
MISSION
We welcome all people to connect, learn, discover, and grow.

VISION
We imagine a Saint Paul where all people feel seen, safe, and welcome. We imagine a city where libraries bring people together to experience hope, joy, and creativity through learning.

VALUES
We believe that learning is a human right.
We believe in connection.
We believe in curiosity.
We believe in the power of belonging.
Timeline

- **2018**: Community engagement to inform SPPL strategic direction
- **2019**: Launch new mission, vision, values goals through "SPPL 2022" strategic direction
- **2020**: Community engagement to inform facilities vision, Share "SPPL Facilities Direction" with City leaders & community
- **2021 and beyond**: Develop project proposals & seek funding

- Community engagement to inform decisions on future project proposals
We have not yet secured any funding. This year is the start of the fundraising process.
In 2018, we talked with our community & heard:

- People want libraries to focus on young people & families.
- People want libraries to hold space for both quiet & loud activities.
- People face structural, cultural, & financial barriers to using libraries.
- People seek an environment that fosters safety & belonging.
- People seek programming beyond books & buildings.
What we learned

In 2019, we talked with our community about our facilities. We assessed the condition & function of our buildings. We learned:

- Community members feel pride for their neighborhood library.
- Across demographic & age groups, the library is viewed as a place for exposure to new things & people & as a place to have connections with other people.
- Outdated buildings struggle to support high use.
- SPPL facilities are falling behind their peers.
What we learned

- Cultural nuances & perceptions affect sense of belonging. Cultural including generational, ethnic, family structure, & economic

- Not all users understand how libraries are evolving & can create clashing “norms”

- Patrons look to have higher quality settings & experiential subtleties (inside & outside) that match their pride

- Redesign space that is accessible & inclusive for a variety of modes of use
What we learned

- Engage teen space to meet their needs to grow, connect, & play
- Activate the front & create a sense of welcome
- Create initiatives to bring the neighborhoods together
- Program intergenerational transition space
- Create space & systems to support staff interacting with patrons
Libraries in Saint Paul are well loved, well used, & well worn.
The role of libraries is evolving to serve as resource-rich, community-oriented spaces.

Technology and learning through play are high-impact strategic opportunities.
Hamline Issues

- Significant structural and building systems issues: water infiltration, moisture, indoor air quality, concrete repair, and more.
- Facilities consultant: "This building is in bad condition."
- ADA Accessibility:
  - Entry
  - Lift to lower level Auditorium
  - Need updated restrooms on Lower level
  - Insufficient convenience power and data
  - Reorganize and refresh staff work room, break room and restroom spaces
1558 W. Minnehaha Ave

- Water damage, moisture issues in auditorium/meeting room
- Low clearance in basement hallway to only public restroom
- Inflexible main floor layout; no acoustic separation
- Accessibility challenges in auditorium entry
- Basement restroom = safety risk
- Non-functioning fireplace
- Water damage, moisture issues in auditorium/meeting room
Possibilities

RENOVATION
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- Maintain classic feel
- Update/refresh interior to better meet community needs
- Possibilities through renovation:
  - Improved play-based learning space
  - Enhanced technology
  - Entire interior refresh
  - Updated building systems – HVAC, power, data, plumbing, etc.
- Estimated $3.6M, 2022
Possibilities
NEW BUILDING
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● Expand square footage by at least 20%

● Offers new possibilities not possible within existing structure:
  ○ More flexible community meeting spaces
  ○ Improved accessibility of entrances and restrooms
  ○ Individual work/study rooms
  ○ More options for youth/teen/creative space

● Potential to meet high sustainability goals – e.g. LEED certification or Net Zero

● Estimated $8.1M, 2023
Thank you for coming!

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