

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Gretchen Pruett, Library Director

SUBJECT:

Discuss and possible action of a sponsorship program for the new Westside Branch of the New Braunfels Public Library.

DEPARTMENT:

Library

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As part of the 2019 Bond Program, residents voted in favor of expanding the Westside Community Center's current facility, located at 2932 S. IH Frontage Road, to include an 8,000-square-foot full-service branch of the New Braunfels Public Library. The Westside Branch will house a 25,000-item collection for adults, young adults, and children; a teaching garden; four study rooms; a teen area; computer workspaces; and a drive-up service window.

The proposed sponsorship program will allow local business and residents the opportunity to give to their local Library and receive recognition for the support. All fundraising efforts and the sponsorships will be paid to the New Braunfels Public Library Foundation, Inc., a 501c3 charitable organization. The City has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Foundation that allows them to hold monies for the City to be used on specific library projects.

The Library works with the Library Advisory Board and the New Braunfels Public Library Foundation to identify potential projects that benefit and improve the Library. The Foundation has raised funds for the RioMobile, the Rover, the Children's Room Remodeling and several other important projects. These funds will be set aside specifically for the Westside Branch.

ISSUE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding will be held by the New Braunfels Public Library Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3 charitable organization, to be designated for projects that benefit the Westside Branch of the New Braunfels Library, identified from time to time by the Library Director and the Friends.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Library Advisory Board considered this item at their March 15, 2021 meeting and unanimously recommended approval of the sponsorship program. Staff recommends approval of the program.