

HARVEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT'S BOARD MINUTES
March 14, 2012

President Turner called the special meeting to discuss land acquisition order at 5:39pm.

Members Present: Barbara Fields, Roberta Patterson, Keith Price, and Annette Turner.

Absent: Joyce Kellogg-Weaver, Eric Patterson and Marion Beck.

A quorum was present and also Assistant-Director Marie McFarland.

The purpose for today's meeting is that we each come in with some land and we make a decision to either build a new building if possible or renovate or extend the current building.

Trustee Price – likes one spot across the street from Popeye's Chicken on Wood approximately 154th & Wood. It is about 1 acre and we need more land than that. We need to look for land that is approximately 3 to 4 acres. Another spot Trustee Price likes is on the outskirts of Harvey around 147th & Dixie Highway. Mr. Don Pealman owns the flat land and we would need to call him to see if he is interested in selling. Another location is just North of 154th Street but it is too small and there is a building on it.

Trustee R. Patterson – Still likes the idea of building on this piece of land and acquiring additional plots nearby and build a bridge over the street. There is also a location in the 3rd Ward about 152nd & Vincennes. It was an old factory or junk yard. Would there be a cleanup issue with the EPA?

Trustee Fields – Cooper's Park which is owned by the Harvey Park District. The other property is at 148th & Dixie Highway. The Park District owns ½ acre and the New Life Church of God in Christ own 2 acres. Both are open to discussing the availability of selling the properties. Trustee Fields would like to have an architect check out the land and have the Director get an appraisal on this building done. She would also like to see each seller have an appraisal on their land done and what is their asking price for the land.

President Turner – asked Mike Richardson to come in and set up the computer to Google City of Harvey maps so each Trustee could see where each plot of land was located. President Turner then mentioned her three options. Extend this building, purchase the buildings across the street and build a bridge connecting them. Second build upon this building, buy the two buildings to the North and build a parking lot. Lastly purchase the building on 154th & Center, the empty lot, all the way to the old Historical Building and maintain this building.

Trustee Price inquired whether we are clear on what the State wants with this grant. Can we apply for the grant if we renovate, extend or build new? Can we use this building as a community center to generate income?

