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The Village Center Revitalization Committee has begun its work by meeting to craft its' mission statement, vision statement and concept plan. The Committee recommends that the process of revitalization proceed in two phases. The initial phase focuses on the construction of a new library facility on the former Cahill's site. The proposed library structure will be funded privately through a village-wide fundraising campaign. The second phase of the revitalization plan will address the remaining buildings in the historic business district.

A meeting with Mike Morley, Facilities Director of the CCPL and the architectural firm of Collins, Gordon, & Bostwick, have already taken place. In that a resolution from the Village declaring interest in the future of a library branch in the Village and a reciprocal resolution from the CCPL took place last fall, a Pre-Construction/Lease Agreement from the CCPL is the next phase of negotiation. It is expected for Council's review shortly.

In the meantime, preliminary drawings of the exterior of the library, along with a 3 dimensional model of the building and site will be ready by the March Council meeting. After Council's comments and approval, these drawings will also be available on the website. Both will be used as tools to stimulate input from villagers as to what they would like to see included in the project. A series of workshops and open forums will take place after March 15 in order to share ideas. Both the architects and the administrators from the CCPL will be in attendance.

Also, by March, the committee hopes to have a better understanding of the infrastructure demands and costs involved with Phase 1 of the project.

Then finally, if and when a plan is endorsed by villagers, a realistic time line can be established so that a fund raising branch of this committee can begin its' work.