

## Walker Library Resolution

(Adopted by the Minneapolis Library Board and the Minneapolis City Council)

WHEREAS, Walker Community Library has served the Uptown area of Minneapolis with library services since 1911; and

WHEREAS, Walker Community Library continues to be a strong cultural institution in Uptown serving a diverse, vibrant and active neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, support for Walker Community Library's services is acknowledged and valued by the community, the City and the Minneapolis Library Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, commercial and public interests should be pursued in the interests of maintaining neighborhood vitality and livability; and

WHEREAS, mixed use development along commercial corridors enhances neighborhood vitality and livability; and

WHEREAS, City and the Minneapolis Library Board of Trustees are responsible for judicious use of the financial resources of the City and Library including partnerships that result in improved services for the citizens of Minneapolis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS:

THAT it supports a Walker Library Joint Taskforce whose responsibility will be to evaluate the efficacy of capital improvements to the existing facility and mixed-use alternatives on the current Walker Library site that may include housing and commercial uses, and a greatly enhanced library building designed to accommodate improved services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Joint Taskforce be co-chaired by the President of the Library Board and the Mayor (or their designees) and be composed of the following members:

- Two Minneapolis Public Library Trustees appointed by the Library Board
- Two City Council Members appointed by the City Council
- Two representatives appointed by the Library Board
- Two representatives appointed by the City Council

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staffing for the Joint Taskforce be provided by CPED and the Library Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proposed work plan for the Joint Taskforce subject to final determination by the Taskforce includes the following:

- Evaluation of the feasibility of a mixed-use development on the current Walker Library site
- Consideration of preferred uses that will be part of a mixed-use development
- Consideration of a preliminary financing plan for the mixed-use development that will include a strategy for filling all project gaps
- Preparation and distribution of a Request for Proposals for the Walker Library site; and evaluation of proposals according to specified criteria
- Recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and Library Board as to a preferred course of action

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Joint Taskforce completes its work and dissolves by February 28, 2005; and that the Mayor, City Council and Library Board agree on a course of action by March 31, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if an economically feasible alternative to provide for a greatly enhanced library building designed to accommodate improved services is not identified and agreed on, the Mayor and City Council will support Minneapolis Public Library's bonding request for capital improvements for Walker Library including replacement of the parking deck in 2005.