Questions and answers from the Capitol Library RFP Open House for Developers on 1/14/2019:

Q: Is there an appraisal available for the current Capitol library building?

A: Not at this time, however two of the recent branch library buildings that were appraised for our redevelopment projects came in at about $500,000. Both of those library buildings are similar in size, age, and condition as the Capitol library. They are also situated on similar sized lots and on high traffic-count streets.

Q: Will you post the development agreement and condo agreement for the Good Hope project on the website for the Capitol development?

A: Yes, and it is now posted.

Q: Would the Capitol Library close temporarily if the developer proposes to build on the current site?

A: If the developer wishes to build on the current site they must offer to lease (at their expense) a temporary space for the Library to use during construction. The space must be near the current Capitol library and suitable to MPL staff.

Q: Would MPL consider selling the current library site to the developer as part of the overall development deal?

A: Yes. MPL would consider it if was allowable under current city rules and approved by the Common Council and Mayor. Ultimately the Library Board, Council, and Mayor approve the agreements.

Q: Can a development partnership respond to the RFP rather than one single entity?

A: Yes, as long as the partnership can prove it has the financial ability to complete the project.

Questions via Email:

Q: “I found a site that is about 1.19 miles away from the current location of the library. Is the 1 mile radius something that must met or can there be exceptions for locations just outside of a mile?”

A: Yes, I believe that 1.19 miles would fall into the category of “within about a mile”

Q: Can you post what a previous “winning” RFP submission looked like?

A: Yes it will be posted to the website.