

Cultural Arts Commission  
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All Commissioners present

Richard Gill  
Juanita Purner

RG provided an overview of the Library's renovation project. The MB County library was built in 1996 on County land with 28,000 sq. ft. which is inadequate for the number of persons who use the library's services.

In June 2006, the City's began a process called the Facilities Strategic Plan which surveyed MB facilities with the intention of creating a long-term vision for community and recreation facilities throughout the city. The FSP planning process included over 80 meetings and the Community ranked the library the #1 facility in need of updating. The library's current square footage of 28,000 is inadequate. The County has accumulated over \$4,000,000 dollars that will be applied to the renovation. 1% of the project will be spent on art for the new library.

Jim Favaro of MDA Johnson Favaro, presented an overview of the library project. The phases include:

- The selection of the artists
- Location of the art
- Cultural programming
- Design Planning

Favaro explained the Cultural Arts Commission's role is to assist the County in the selection of art works for the new facility. The design plan shows the library from Highland Avenue to the Civic Plaza level providing the new facility with 10,000 square feet for each of the two floors. The design incorporates an imperceptible rise to the plaza area. The library's walls are glass and a green open space is planned at the west side of the facility.