

AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

4/16/15

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM

Notice is hereby given that Charleston County Council will hold a public forum on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 4:30 o'clock p.m., in the Beverly T. Craven Council Chambers, Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building, 4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, SC for the purpose of gathering input from the public regarding the following three potential library locations on James Island:

1. The current site located at 1248 Camp Road.
2. The vacant building near Bi-Lo site located at 848/850 Folly Road.
3. The former Baxter Patrick Elementary School property located at 1858 South Grimball Road.

A presentation will be made by County staff regarding the three potential sites prior to the public comment period.

Public comments, written and oral, are invited.

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Council

Please run as a classified ad in the
Post & Courier

Charleston County Public Library Capital Improvement Plan

James Island Library

April 16, 2015

James Island Library

- 1. March 2011:** Library contracts with Providence Associates to develop a 5 Year Strategic Plan.
 - Plan recommends closing the James Island Library and the South Windermere Library and replacing with a 40,000 sq. ft. library to be located on Folly Road.
 - Plan states community wants children's space, teen space, community meeting space, and quiet study spaces.
- 2. March 2012:** Library presents Strategic Plan to County Council and Council instructs county staff to work with library staff to develop estimates for construction of new facilities and renovations of existing facilities.
- 3. June 2012:** The County retains the architectural firm of Cummings and McCrady to help fulfill the Council's instructions.

James Island Library

4. **March 2014:** Library presents request to Council to proceed with referendum.
 - Council recommends that Library hold community meetings again to verify that community still agrees with original plan.
5. **April 6, 2014:** Library holds community meeting at the James Island Library.
 - 95 people attend and ask for a new library to be located on James Island verifying the original need assessment.
6. **June 17, 2014:** Working with County the Library generates several scenarios for the referendum. The approved scenario includes a 20,000 sq. ft. library to be built on James Island, and a 20,000 sq. ft. library to be built in the Bee's Ferry area. County Council approves this scenario and approves the request to proceed with the referendum. County staff begins to look for sites.

James Island Library

7. **November 2014:** The Library Referendum passes and County staff continues to consider many sites, including the Fort Johnson Middle School site and the Bi-Lo Grocery site.

8. **January/February 2015:** Meetings with school district. After further planning and programming, school district recommends Baxter Patrick site instead of Ft. Johnson Middle School site.

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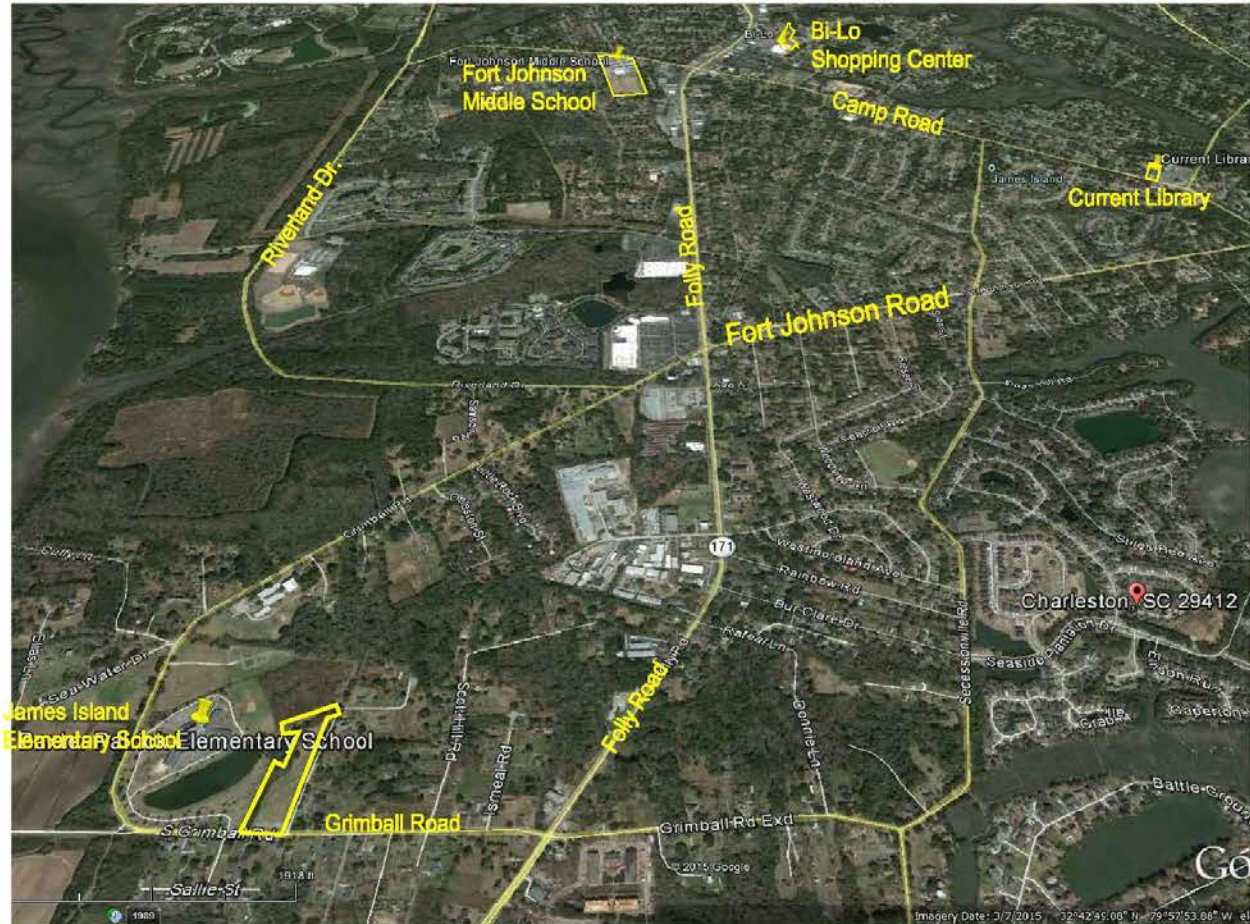
9. **March 2015:** County staff presents two possible locations to the Library Board.
 - The Patrick Baxter school site on Grimball Road; (Fort Johnson Middle School site is no longer available).
 - The Bi-Lo Grocery site on Folly Road.
10. **April 13, 2015:** School board approves use of former Baxter Patrick property and partial use of the West Ashley campus.

The Library Board asked for more information and did not formally recommend a site.

James Island Library

1. 20,000 SF
2. 4 Acres
3. Potential Sites:
 - The Baxter Patrick property located at 1858 South Grimball Road
 - 848/850 Folly Road (Vacant building in the Bi-Lo Shopping Center)
 - The current site located at 1248 Camp Road

James Island









Current Library

Camp Rd.

James Island Library

Summary of Site Pros and Cons

Site	Pros	Cons
<p>Renovate Existing Camp Road Library</p>	<p>County owned existing Library</p> <p>Good geographic location</p> <p>Substantially less cost</p>	<p>Inadequate Size</p> <p>Inadequate parking</p> <p>No expansion capability</p>
<p>Bi-Lo Property</p>	<p>Close to geographic center of James Island</p> <p>Most cost effective of 20,000 SF options</p> <p>Can be completed faster than 'greenfield' construction</p> <p>Possible credits due to Revitalization property</p> <p>Allows co-location of Administrative facility and some room for future library expansion in the future</p>	<p>May be condo regime</p> <p>Takes property off of the tax rolls</p> <p>Traffic concerns</p> <p>If library only, more square footage than needed</p> <p>Not stand alone</p>
<p>Baxter Patrick Elementary School</p>	<p>Donated property</p> <p>Cleared Site</p> <p>May help re-vitalize area</p>	<p>May require some 'give back' by County in return for donation</p> <p>Eccentricity to geographic center of James Island</p>

James Island Library

Summary of Library Options - Cost

Site	Budget Estimate	Comments
	\$11,920,000	20,000 SF New Construction
Renovate Existing Camp Road Library	\$1,782,000	6,300 SF
New Camp Road Library on Existing Site	\$4,180,000	7,445 SF 2 Story Building, Parking on Ground Floor
848/850 Folly Road Option 'A' (Vacant building near Bi-Lo-)	\$9,300,000	20,000 SF Library only
The Baxter Patrick property located at 1858 South Grimball Road	\$10,800,000	Some increase may be required as 'give backs'
848/850 Folly Road Option 'B' (Vacant building near Bi-Lo-)	\$16,300,000	Library plus Administrative Bldg (Combined Programmed Budget Estimate = \$19,250,000)