



**Village of Fox Point Press Release  
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The North Shore Library provides a valuable service to Glendale, Fox Point, Bayside, and River Hills. For years, the communities debated proposals to refurbish or relocate the library. The Fox Point Village Board has been kept informed of developments during this entire process. Last fall, both Fox Point and Glendale adopted resolutions supporting the renovation of the library in its current location.

The renovation planned for the library would transform this outdated space into a fresh, modern library. Fox Point remains fully committed to the library renovation and hopes the four communities find a way to resolve their remaining differences.

The library benefits from a fifty year, rent free lease. Glendale will not allow the library to go forward with the renovation unless the funding formula for the library is changed to pay Glendale rent for the library space.

Glendale equates charging rent to the partial reimbursement of fiscal agent costs the library paid to Fox Point from 2016 to 2020. These are different issues. The joint library agreement does not require Fox Point to provide fiscal agent services at no charge. Moreover, the Library Board is a public body that approves its own budget. It voted to reimburse Fox Point for some of the fiscal agent costs, as was its prerogative. Four of the nine Library Board members are appointed by Glendale.

In an effort to move things forward, last January Fox Point made a counter-proposal. The proposal included extending the terms of the lease and joint library agreement to 2050 and having the library pay Glendale a fair rent starting in 2036 when the current lease expires. The proposal would allow Glendale to amortize the rent over the 30-year term of the extended lease so that it could start receiving rent payments immediately.

The Village Managers and City Administrator of the four communities have met regularly since the beginning of the year to try to resolve these matters. Fox Point also suggested using a consultant to help the communities reach a fair resolution of the rent issue.

Fox Point is willing to continue to work with its partners in the North Shore Library to come to an agreement on an extended lease and joint library agreement in order to keep the much needed library renovation on track.

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