

RESOLUTION #2018-12

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CAMP ROAD LIBRARY ON JAMES ISLAND

WHEREAS, James Islanders greatly appreciate the new and modern Baxter Patrick Library being constructed on James Island on Grimball Road and are looking forward to its opening this summer; and

WHEREAS, many James Islanders will be disappointed if we lose our small but beloved branch library located on Camp Road; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2015, Charleston County Council passed a resolution, "to approve renovation of the Camp Road Library if finances are available at the end of the library construction project and if funding is not available, (and would) bring the renovation back to Council for consideration;" and

WHEREAS, the branch on Camp Road has well-served the surrounding ethnically-diverse community that includes both Town of James Island and City of Charleston neighborhoods for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, James Island currently has a population of over 36,000 residents (2020 estimated population to be 38,598); which is more than enough to support both the new library and a smaller branch library; and

WHEREAS, over 500 new residential units and single family homes have been approved for construction and will bring hundreds of additional residents to James Island over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, traveling an additional three miles to the new Grimball Road Library could be challenging for some of our elderly and economically challenged residents who reside near the library on Camp Road; and

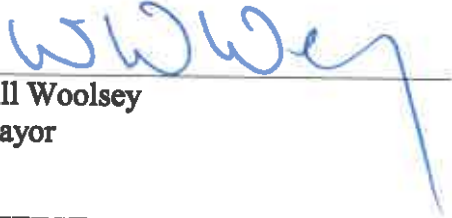
WHEREAS, as West Ashley and Mount Pleasant will each have three libraries when the County library building program is complete; and

WHEREAS, libraries serve a purpose greater than being just a place of books and computers/internet access, but also serve as community centers which support our youth, our elderly and all our residents by encouraging individuals to gather, to explore, interact and imagine; and

WHEREAS, during the upcoming summer a final decision from County Council may be rendered and it will be imperative that solidarity be demonstrated from the Town of James Island regarding the public need for the library branch on Camp Road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of James Island request that Charleston County keep the branch library on Camp Road open.

Adopted this 17th day of January, 2019



Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk