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From Fulton County Commissioner Robb Pitts
District 2, At-Large

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Library Board Unanimously Approves Pitts

Recommendation

At its meeting on May 28, the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Board of Trustees unanimously approved the recommendation made by Fulton County Commissioner Robb Pitts (District 2, At-Large) to construct a new Central Library in downtown Atlanta and include the facility in a recommended Library Bond Referendum.

Pitts has recommended that a new landmark library be constructed on a site in the downtown area. His proposal calls for an architecturally significant structure with an emphasis on technology and learning in the new millennium.

Several other U.S. cities, including Seattle, Nashville and Minneapolis, have constructed avant-garde libraries in their downtown areas in recent years. These serve as attractions for tourists and residents.

“With the support of the Board of Trustees, a new landmark library in downtown Atlanta is closer to a reality,” said Pitts.

“This new facility will signify our community’s cutting edge emphasis on learning.”

John Szabo, Library Director, likes the idea. “The bold and exciting idea to build a new Central Library in the heart of downtown Atlanta is forward thinking and reflects a commitment to education, literacy and the value of public libraries as critical cultural institutions,” Szabo said. “A signature new Central Library would also follow in the wise path of other great U.S. cities that have built new central libraries in recent years: Seattle, Nashville, Minneapolis, Jacksonville, and others.”

Library Board of Trustees members at the meeting included Jim Maddox, Diane Hutchins, Willie Bolden, John Eaves, Roger Rupnow, Steven Suna, Anita Jackson O’Neal, John Thomas, Stephanie Moody and Delores Stephens.