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City Calls on Community for Insight on Library Master Plan 2012

New Braunfels, Texas — Tuesday started the first discussions regarding the creation of a Library Master Plan 2012. The New Braunfels Library Master Plan could include updated features, state-of-the-art technology, and other additions to better serve the residents of the City of New Braunfels. The informational session, held on Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, included a presentation of the master plan process, led by consultants Komatsu Architecture and Godfrey's Associates, and included a question and answer segment.

“One of our first priorities is to obtain feedback from the community,” said Dick Waters, Principal Consultant for Godfrey's Associates. “In addition to having more sessions of this nature, we are currently conducting stake holder meetings and focus groups. We also plan to implement hard copy surveys, which will be located at the library, as well as online surveys to encourage current library users to provide us with feedback. We will additionally conduct phone surveys specifically to non-library users for more information.”

In order to better serve the nearly 60,000 residents of New Braunfels, the Library Master Plan 2012 will create a long term plan which will consider multiple functions such as a community center, a resource center for small businesses, an educational entry, a technology center, and a lifelong learning center. Nearly 50 attendees to the informational session voiced their suggestions, concerns, and questions.

“It's important that we involve our community in this process,” added Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “I encourage our residents to take part in the surveys to give us a better idea of our city's needs for updated library services and facilities and help us improve upon this space not only for current users but for future generations.”

For updates on future informational sessions and developments on the New Braunfels Public Library Master Plan 2012, visit the New Braunfels Public Library website at www.nbtexas.org/library.

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