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WAKE COMMISSIONERS APPROVE LAND ACQUISITION FOR NEW FUQUAY-VARINA LIBRARY

The Wake County Board of Commissioners took a significant step forward tonight to make a new library – twice the size of the existing one – in Fuquay-Varina a reality. During its regularly scheduled meeting, the board approved purchasing 5.25 acres of land on which to build the new library.

Comment [WU1]: I like where you were going with this! It was just a lot of information in one sentence for the reader to absorb, so I broke it out into two sentences to make it easier to understand for the layman.

“The Fuquay-Varina community has outgrown its library as more young families are calling the area home,” said Mike Wasilik, Director of the Wake County Library System. “Historically, use of the current library has been strong, so it’s clear that it’s time to build a library that meets the needs of the growing population.”

Comment [WU2]: I like the quote! I just moved it up higher, so we can answer the “why” question sooner.

The board authorized the county to spend \$972,000 to buy the land next to Wake County’s Southern Regional Center, which is located on North Judd Parkway. The site has received support from both the Wake County Library Commission and the Town of Fuquay-Varina. It was selected, following extensive public input and the evaluation of more than 20 potential sites.

This library construction project is part of the 2007 Wake County Library Master Plan, which identified the need to build three new libraries, expand one community library to a regional library, expand/replace two libraries and make facility improvements to several other existing libraries.

The Master Plan recommends that the existing 4,400 square-foot library branch in Fuquay-Varina be replaced with a larger 8,500 square-foot community library, which will allow for three times the number of books, additional public computers and seating areas, and increased programs geared towards youth.

Construction of the new library is scheduled to begin in the winter of 2017. The new library is scheduled to open in early 2018. Once that occurs, the current library, located at 133 S. Fuquay Avenue, and the surrounding property will be owned by the Town of Fuquay-Varina for public

use.

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