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## County library trustees reject Doolittle site

# NEW WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY SITE ON HOLD

The Las Vegas-Clark County library trustees, acting Tuesday on a site selection committee recommendation, rejected Doolittle Recreation Center as the site for a West Las Vegas library and sent the committee back to the drawing board.

In a recommendation to the board, Verlia Davis, site committee chairman, said, "As there is so much opposition to the Doolittle site, the committee recommends that the Library District begin negotiating with city (Las Vegas) for a parcel of land that is acceptable to the residents of West Las Vegas."

The Las Vegas City Council last week approved the district's request to construct

the facility at the center, located at Lake Mead Boulevard and J Street.

Some West Las Vegas residents, including the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and Ministerial Alliance, opposed the site on grounds it was in a high crime area and argued that construction of a library would diminish the park's existing amenities.

Gwyn Brown Coleman, executive director of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce, said the city owns two parcels of land — 22 acres on Owens Avenue and J Street and 10 acres on H Street — that would be more appropriate for the facility.

Leonard Mason, a West Las Vegas contractor, said he opposed the Doolittle site not because of reported drug activity but because building a library there would not be the "highest and best use of the land."

He argued the site would not allow for future expansion of an adjoining cultural and arts center.

"The Doolittle Park site is definitely out of the picture," Board Chairman Clark Danny Lee said. "We want the site selection committee to be unified on this matter."

City Councilman Ron Lurie, however, said the city has no other sites available to the district.

"In my opinion, the city

made its offer and I don't think we're willing to sit down and negotiate (another site) at this time," Lurie said. He added that the sites favored by the committee "are not available at this time."

Councilman Bob Nolen, whose district includes the West Las Vegas area, reserved comment until maps of the proposed sites are reviewed.

"What seems to be getting lost here is that what we want to do is build a library," Lee said. "That's all. Doolittle has been offered but that seems unacceptable. So now we'll have to go back and find another site."

Lee said he's hopeful a deal can be made with the city similar to the district's agreement for Reed Whipple library. The district rents that site for \$1 a year.

He said the board hopes to finalize a site by July 8.

The Clark County Board of Commissioners recently approved \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grants funds for the library's construction. Another \$800,000 will come from a \$15 million bond issue approved by voters last year. The city council has not yet acted upon the district's request for \$200,000 in city-issued block grant funds.

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