

**Greenbelt City Council  
Work Session**

**Prince George's County Memorial Library  
System (PGCMLS)**

**September 13, 2017**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Room 201  
Greenbelt Community Center**

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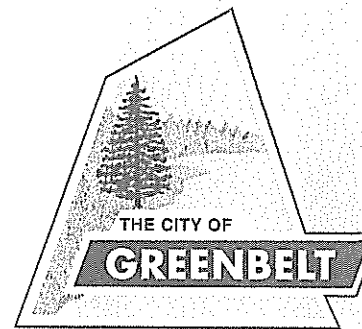
**Agenda**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Tugwell Room
  - a. Future Plans/Digitizing the Tugwell Special Collection
  - b. Draft Agreement with PGCMLS
  - c. How can the City help?
3. Library Hours
4. Other Items?

# CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD. 20770



June 8, 2017

Kathleen Teaze, CEO  
Prince George's County Memorial Library System  
9601 Capital Lane  
Largo, MD 20774

**Nicole C. Ard**  
City Manager

Dear Ms. Teaze:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent email correspondence and telephone conversation. As we discussed, the Tugwell Room is a vital resource for information related to the building of Greenbelt and the planned towns concept. Researchers are regularly referred there and the room houses documents and artifacts which are very important to our community.

The City appreciates the Prince George's County Memorial Library System's (PGCMLS) recent efforts to maintain the Tugwell collection and assess its strengths and gaps. Digitization of this collection would be a wonderful development and would provide much greater access to this very important historical compendium.

The Greenbelt City Council would like to schedule a work session with appropriate PGCMLS officials to discuss these efforts and how the City might be helpful. In addition, the City would like to reiterate our request that PGCMLS and City work on some type of agreement so that the City would have the opportunity to obtain the contents of the Tugwell Room should the Library system ever consider closing it.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Please contact me at 301-474-8000 or by email at [dmoran@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:dmoran@greenbeltmd.gov) to schedule the work session or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Moran".

David E. Moran  
Assistant City Manager

cc: City Council  
Nicole Ard, City Manager  
Megan Searing Young, Museum Director  
Marsha Voigt, Friends of the Greenbelt Library



## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by and between the Prince George's County Memorial Library System ("PGCMLS"), a \_\_\_\_\_ corporation, and the City of Greenbelt, Maryland ("City"), a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland.

### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, PGCMLS is the public library system of Prince George's County, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, PGCMLS operates a branch known as the Greenbelt Library, in which is located the Tugwell Room, which is named after Rexford Tugwell, who, while head of the Resettlement Administration during Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency, dedicated much of his time to the creation and development of the Greenbelt Towns project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tugwell Room houses the Tugwell Special Collection, which serves as a resource for researchers who are interested in studying city and urban planning, sociology, architecture, American history of the New Deal era, consumer cooperatives, and the city of Greenbelt, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tugwell Collection contains documents, artifacts and photographs that are very important to the Greenbelt community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a particular interest in preserving the Tugwell Collection; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to ensure the continued preservation of the Tugwell Collection given its special significance to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, PGCMLS desires to ensure the continued preservation of the Tugwell Collection as well.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby mutually acknowledged, PGCMLS and the City agree as follows:

1. The Recitals are, by this reference, incorporated into this Agreement as operative provisions thereof.

2. PGCMLS agrees that at such time as PGCMLS determines that it desires to close the Tugwell Room or determines that it no longer desires to be responsible for the Tugwell Collection, PGCMLS shall convey the entire Tugwell Collection to the City at no cost to the City.

3. City agrees that if the Tugwell Collection is conveyed to the City, the City will maintain the Collection and provide public access thereto.

4. Upon conveyance of the Tugwell Collection to the City, the City shall thereafter be the owner of all of the items that comprise the Tugwell Collection.

5. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland. Any suit to enforce the terms hereof or for damages or other relief as a consequence of the breach or alleged breach hereof shall be brought exclusively in the courts of the State of Maryland in

Prince George's County, and the parties expressly consent to the jurisdiction thereof and waive any right which they have or may have to bring such elsewhere.

6. PGCMLS and the City each affirmatively represent that the person signing the Agreement on its behalf is authorized to do so and is authorized to bind itself, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to this Agreement.

7. This Agreement shall not be assignable.

This Agreement is entered into as of the day and year first written above.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY SYSTEM

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_