

Rachelle Blitch Director of Financial and Administrative Services P.O. Box 690 Whitewater, WI 53190

Phone: (262) 473-1380

Email: rblitch@whitewater-wi.gov

Whitewater Community Foundation PO Box 428 150 W. Main St Whitewater, WI 53190

Dear Whitewater Community Foundation,

I am writing to express our concern regarding the delay in receiving updated financial information from the Whitewater Community Foundation, specifically related to the donations pledged for the library renovation project.

As you are aware, the successful and timely completion of this project is contingent upon accurate and up-to-date financial data. Unfortunately, despite our repeated requests and the assurances provided, we have yet to receive the necessary information regarding the status of donor contributions. Without this critical data, we are unable to conduct the required cash flow analysis, which is essential for planning the project's financial strategy and ensuring that construction costs can be covered until all pledged donations are received.

This delay is now impacting our ability to move forward with the project, and as a result, we will be addressing this issue at the upcoming Common Council meeting scheduled for August 20th. The Council will be discussing the appropriate next steps to mitigate the impact of this delay on the library renovation project.

Without prompt attention, the construction and renovation of the library will not begin as scheduled, which will be of great concern to the community and donors. As the city is requested to be the organization to bridge the financial gap of paying the contractor up front until donations are received, we must have an accurate accounting of donations received to date to as well as the updated payment schedule and commitments. Without it, taxpayer funds will not be expended on the project.

We kindly request that the Whitewater Community Foundation provide the updated financial information as soon as possible to avoid further delays and complications. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated and will help us maintain the project's timeline.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or if there is anything further we can do to assist in expediting this process.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Blitch
Financial and Administrative Services Director