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Public Meeting Set to help Revive Xenia Carnegie Library

Xenia, Ohio (April 24, 2017) The City of Xenia, in partnership with the volunteer group Xenia Carnegie Library Friends, will invite the public to attend the first of three planning meetings to discuss revival efforts for the old Xenia Carnegie Library on Thursday April 27, 2017, from 1:30-3:30 pm, in the Henry Hudson Room of the Xenia Community Library, 76 E. Market Street in Xenia.

The meeting will include an overview and recap of the recent Historic Structures Report by architect Steve Avdakov of Heritage Architectural Associates, and offer a chance to meet members of the Xenia Carnegie Library Friends who will discuss memories of the old Library and plans for the future revitalization efforts. The public is invited to help develop criteria for the building's reuse, and discover ways to bring the Xenia Carnegie Library back to life.

Volunteers worked to list the building on the National Register of Historic Places (February, 2015), enabling the building to be eligible for both State of Ohio and Federal rehabilitation tax credits as well as local tax abatements.

Interested parties can visit the Xenia Carnegie Library Facebook page or the City of Xenia's website www.explorexenia.com and search "Carnegie Library" for ways to be involved and to receive future information about development opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and other methods to contribute to the discussions.

Efforts by the Xenia Carnegie Library Friends are supported by the City of Xenia through a Community Development Block (CDBG) planning grant, and through a Daniel K. Thorne Intervention Fund grant of The National Trust Preservation Fund and the Greene County Board of Commissioners, owners of the historic structure.

For more information on the Xenia Carnegie Library Friends, contact Josephine Reno at (937) 361-2354, or visit City-of-Xenia-Government on Facebook or on Twitter.