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Knopp to join board

Former mayor sitting on library board of trustees

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NORWALK — Former Mayor Alex Knopp has been put forward to serve on the Norwalk Public Library Board of Trustees.

"I think the library board needed a breath of fresh air and a couple of new eyes. I put Susan Wallerstein on who knows Norwalk and is very much committed to the arts," said Mayor Harry W. Rilling. "Alex Knopp is a man of vision and we have some challenges at the library that are going to take some creative thinkers."

Wallerstein was put forward and approved at the Feb. 23 Common Council meeting.

Rilling has put forward Knopp for appointment and Stanley Siegel for reappointment to the board as part of the agenda for Tuesday evening's council meeting.

The appointments come as the board works to resolve parking issues for the Main Library on Belden Avenue and acquire space for a possible expansion of the library.

A developer has proposed a 69-unit apartment building for 11 Belden Ave. to the west of the library.

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Alex Knopp

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The property now serves as a parking lot for library patrons.

Last year, the library board of First Taxing District reached an agreement allocating to library patrons a number of parking spaces at the district-owned property at 3 Belden Ave. to the north of the library.

In February, the library board voted unanimously

to draft a letter to the Rilling, Common Council members, the city's Planning Commission and the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency.

The board has prepared a petition calling upon the city to "to immediately pursue the acquisition of properties adjacent to the library in order not to preclude any expansion of the Norwalk Main Library."

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Harry, Alex Knopp is an amazing talent. Why not the NHA board, which needs fresh air and new eyes VERY badly?