

Lake Forest Library Board of Trustees
360 E Deerpath Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
Regular Meeting (Remote Access) Minutes
5:30 p.m. July 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Wendy Darling called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following statement:

This meeting of the Lake Forest Library Board is being held as a virtual meeting because the Illinois Governor has declared the COVID-19 pandemic a disaster and it is not practical or prudent for in-person meetings. The Library Director is on-site at the Library for this meeting and may be reached by calling 847.810.4602. This meeting is being recorded.

ROLL CALL/CONFIRMATION OF ABILITY TO HEAR PROCEEDINGS

Trustees Present: Germaine Arnson, Bryan Bertola, Wendy Darling, JoAnn Desmond, Elizabeth Grob, JJ Johnson, Andrea Lemke, David Rose, and Carrie Travers.

Staff Present: Catherine Lemmer, Library Director; and Ed Finn, Head of Operations.

HGA Presenters: Victor Pechaty, Jane Dederling, Ginny Lackovic, and Jason Vanselow.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRUSTEES

President Darling welcomed everyone to the Library Board meeting and introduced Trustees Bryan Bertola and JJ Johnson to their first official meeting as new members of the Library Board.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Arnson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lemke, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, AND CORRESPONDENCE

There was no request to address the Board. The Library Director reported that email correspondence from Rommy Lopat had been received just prior to the meeting and that she had sent a brief response and would follow up with Ms. Lopat further.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Rose made a motion, seconded by Trustee Travers to approve the June 29, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes and the June 29, 2020 Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Lemmer provided a complete report of the June 2020 financials in the board packet and inquired if there were any questions from Trustees. Hearing none, Trustee Lemke made a

motion, seconded by Trustee Arnson, to approve the June 2020 financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF THE FILING OF THE IPLAR WITH THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

Trustee Rose made a motion, seconded by Trustee Travers, for the approval and ratification of the filing of the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) with the Illinois State Library. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

THE LIBRARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: PRESENTATION BY HGA, INC.

Mr. Victor Pechaty, HGA, presented an overview of the evolution of site development plans and various iterations of architectural designs since the beginning of the project in 2018. Mr. Pechaty shared that he, Ms. Lemmer, Mr. Finn, and Trustees Rose and Darling had a productive meeting with representatives from the City of Lake Forest, Historic Preservation Commission and Lake Forest Preservation Foundation. He incorporated some of their suggestions with the direction provided by the Trustees in previous meetings to present two revised design study options to the Board for discussion and possible further development. The Trustees engaged in a thoughtful discussion about each of the options and provided further direction to HGA for architectural refinement.

After lengthy discussion, Trustee Rose made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grob, to authorize HGA to move the favored gabled design study (Option A) forward as follows:

1. Visually lighten the building with stone; reduce the amount of dark brick.
2. Continue to provide ample natural light where possible.
3. Explore alternatives/options to the brick screen effect.
4. Explore and understand cantilever's design and effectiveness.

Motion passed on a roll call vote: Trustees Bertola, Darling, Desmond, Grob, Johnson, Lemke, Rose and Travers voted aye. Trustee Arnson abstained.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

In the interest of time, Ms. Lemmer referred the Trustees to her written report in the Board Packet where she reported on library service initiatives, like *Curbside Collect*, and preparations for opening the building on July 20.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Travers made a motion, seconded by Trustee Arnson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Upcoming Meetings:

Special Board Meeting: August 3, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Remote Access

Regular Board Meeting: August 11, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Remote Access

/s/ JoAnn Desmond (signed electronically due to COVID-19 pandemic)

JoAnn Desmond, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board on August 3, 2020.