

Lake Forest Library Board of Trustees
360 E Deerpath Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
Building Committee Meeting Minutes
7:30 p.m., February 15, 2022

Chair Bryan Bertola called the meeting of the Building Committee to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Committee member Trustee Heather Strong was present. Library Trustees Arnson, Desmond, Grob, and Johnson were also in attendance. The meeting was held virtually and Catherine Lemmer was asked to serve as secretary and take the minutes of the meeting.

Chair Bryan Bertola welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and announced that the meeting was being recorded. He noted that the recording and presentation would be posted on the Library website. There being no public comment on matters not on the agenda, Trustee Bertola introduced Kenneth M. Itle, Architect and Associate Principal, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. ("WJE"), to provide an update on their work to date on the library dome repair and restoration project.

Mr. Itle's presentation is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes. Mr. Itle introduced his firm and its architectural and engineering expertise. He first presented a brief history of the Library building and the changes over time. He then followed with a detailed explanation of the dome assembly and each of the related features and structures. Mr. Itle noted preliminary findings at each stage of the presentation. Last he outlined the next steps of the project.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the public was invited to ask questions. Nancy Mieling asked about the project timeline. Mr. Itle noted that WJE has concluded the investigatory stage and is in the stage of developing several schematic concepts that will be studied with the Building Committee, Library Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission. After this phase, construction drawings will be prepared for bid later in 2022. He concluded by noting that it makes sense to view the project as a 2023 construction project.

Trustee Bertola asked if the investigation phase had revealed any new issues or red flags. Mr. Itle noted none and then stated that Edwin Hill Clark made an interesting design choice in creating a dome in that the dome structure is separate from the underlying elements. Clark's design gives the team additional options in thinking about how to create solutions for the dome's issues. He noted that drainage pathways/water shedding is the most important and technical question that must be dealt with in the project. Trustee Bertola noted that the Library board minutes reflect a dome structure that has had many issues over the years and asked if there are modern techniques that can be used to address dome specific problems. Mr. Itle indicated that there are newer assembly techniques that do not impact on the aesthetics or historic look of the dome that can be utilized in the project. These new techniques work to create a two-layer defense system against water infiltration.

Laura Luce asked if the tarping of the dome had caused more damage. Mr. Itle noted that the tarp, while not attractive, is doing the job to stabilize the dome until the project can be done the right way. Mr. Itle

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and Trustee Strong reassured the attendees that the intent of the project is to retain the existing look of the structure.

There being no additional questions, and no unfinished business or new business, Chair Bertola adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Upcoming meeting: Regular Board Meeting, March 8, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine A. Lemmer", written over a horizontal line.

Catherine A. Lemmer, Secretary pro tem
Minutes approved by the Library Board on March 8, 2022.