

LAKE FOREST LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Building Committee Meeting July 29, 2024

Minutes

Attendees: Trustees Heather Strong and Robert Shaw

City and Library staff: Cathy Czerniak, Director of Community Development, Ishwar Laxminarayan, Executive Director, Library, Jim Lee, Facilities Manager, Library

Others: Todd Altounian (developer), and Eric from Superior Fencing

Parties met to review the plans for the fence between the Library and the condominium development to the north and the proposed public pedestrian walkway connecting the two properties. Meeting started in the affected corner of the library's parking lot. Rain started and we went and stood on the library's loading dock.

The City said the sidewalk needs to be where drawn. That would mean the library would lose a parking space. Trustee Strong stated it is impossible for the library to comment at this time until we've consulted with a civil engineer.

An agreement was made so as not to hold up the construction of the fence. Bleck engineering is going to come stake the property line. The City will issue a fence permit to the developer after Bleck stakes the property line and the City inspector has approved it. Trustee Strong suggested the library also hire a surveyor to locate the pins. But after the pins are in and the library has verified, the developer can install the fence with a permanent (but could be removed at a future date) matching panel at the spot where the sidewalk might be after the library feels comfortable with pedestrians in that zone.

Trustee Strong said there is a possibility that the library might not want to open our site to the north ever for whatever reason and that the City and developer's team would have to accept all future liability because the library never approved and was never consulted about the opening. Ms. Czerniak responded that representatives of the library were present during the public hearings when the proposed public pedestrian walkway between the two properties was discussed.

The walk around portion of the meeting ended and Mr. Altounian, Ms. Czerniak and Eric left the meeting at 12 pm.

Trustees and staff then discussed the merits of hiring an independent surveyor and engineer to review traffic flow and pedestrian concerns. They noted how the Bleck drawing package is difficult at best to understand the whole picture of what is happening on the condo site and what if any impact to the library's site it has or can have. Trustee Strong also requested that the building committee meet with City Manager Jason Wicha.

Meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.