

LISLE LIBRARY DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2021 - 7:01 p.m.

1. Roll call

Present:

Thomas Hummel - President
Marjorie Bartelli - Vice President (via GoToWebinar)
Jenny Norton - Treasurer (via GoToWebinar)
Emily Swistak - Secretary (via GoToWebinar)
Thomas Duffy - Trustee (via GoToWebinar)
Liz Sullivan - Trustee (via GoToWebinar)

Absent:

Karen Larson - Trustee

Also present:

Tatiana Weinstein - Director
Beth McQuillan - Assistant Director
Chris Knight - Recording Secretary
Marc Rogers - CCS International Inc., Project Manager

2. Opportunity for visitors to speak

Two visitors addressed the Board. The first visitor stated that a Library renovation is not in order due to a decline in cardholders and visitors. She stated that she was a cardholder and commented on the importance and value of a Library as a community service. She stated that the renovation had a very aggressive dollar amount. She suggested the Board put the project to a referendum. The second visitor thanked Board members for asking good questions at the last meeting. He suggested taking care of strictly maintenance and technology upgrades. He suggested that the Board should not be pressured by the consultants and Director.

President Hummel stated that no final decisions have been made and no votes have been taken and that the Director has not pressured the Board and has been fiscally responsible.

3. Concept Design and Financial Analysis Discussion

Mr. Rogers presented a comprehensive report including project cost options, construction cost comparisons (Villa Park Public Library, Popular Creek Public Library, Joliet Public Library, and Prospect Heights Public Library), concept design alignment to project parameters, a checklist of preliminary project parameters for the north side main entry concept, financial projection models from PMA utilizing the 2020 tax levy as a baseline, capital improvement project proforma - north entry renovation (summary, building costs breakdown, construction cost estimate breakdown, professional services costs breakdown, and FF&E costs breakdown), and a concept review estimate - order of magnitude.

Discussion:

Trustee Duffy mentioned that the Library renovation was an investment in the community. Vice-President Bartelli commented that a renovation is currently needed and to keep the vestibules in the design plans. Secretary Swistak commented that designing a 21st century library was the goal. She also mentioned expanding Youth Services, adding a Teen space and including family rest rooms were points within the LLD

Strategic Plan and would enhance the community. She agreed with Vice President Bartelli in retaining the vestibules. She suggested moving the project forward and not removing anything from the project checklist.

Trustee Sullivan commented that she wished more could be done within renovation plans. She agreed that the project should advance and to not remove anything from the project list and to include contingencies and flexibility. Trustee Duffy said he hears from families that want to increase Library space for children so that families a place to visit for a length of time.

Mr. Rogers suggested that the next step would be for SNH to provide enhanced concept drawings for the north/south entries using the \$7.7 million dollar budget. He mentioned that approximately six months of schematic design work is forthcoming. The goal of the next meeting would be to agree that the general locations of departments are correct and that a proper funding option is selected. Mr. Rogers mentioned that the design would align with the budget.

Director Weinstein reminded Trustees that changes to the project list would affect all space considerations and may require a redesign. Treasurer Norton commented that she is more comfortable with the project since the last meeting, but not yet completely comfortable. Trustee Sullivan said she was concerned about the look of the building without vestibules. Treasurer Norton commented that she'd like more feedback from the community.

4. Adjourn

MOTION: Secretary Swistak moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sullivan seconded.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Recorded by

Chris Knight, Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees on April 21, 2021.

Approved by

Emily Swistak, Secretary of the LLD Board of Trustees