

MINUTES  
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
October 29, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Building Committee of the Board of Library Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Margaret E. Cousin in the McKenzie Room of North Branch, 3001 West Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Patricia A. Barton, Margaret E. Cousin, Lucy D. Gulley, Dr. Mandar Pattekar, and Jeanne Williamson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenni Davis, Jay Furniss, Roberta Koscielski, and Randall Yelverton

Others Present: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Pat Barton, seconded by Jeanne Williamson, that the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of July 9, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE**

None

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. HVAC Project Update

Jay Furniss reported that Apace Design is still helping to tweak some equipment, so no final warranty dates are in place yet. Tentative dates are January for the boilers and April for the chiller.

B. Roof at Lincoln Branch

Roberta Koscielski reported that she and Margaret Cousin represented Peoria Public Library at the October 23, 2019 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission. Ed Barry from Farnsworth Group presented our application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the Carnegie Library roof at Lincoln Branch. He supplied samples of three different types of shingles which could be used. There will be three bids, one for each option, and our choice will be shared with the HPC for what will hopefully be an administrative C of A. Actual slate, which archival materials show was likely the original material, cannot be considered because of its weight. The project will also include some brickwork remediation and cleaning of limestone spindles. Commissioners unanimously approved all three options.

C. Discussion of Capital Development Funds

Randall Yelverton reported that there will be some monies rolled over into the Capital Development Fund at the end of this year, but not going forward. It is a restricted fund which contains approximately \$1.8 million and has a projected five-year plan in place.

Ways are being proactively explored to use these funds for improvements to the Library, i.e. systems going out of date, worthwhile projects, etc.

Dr. Mandar Pattekar joined the meeting.

**D. Landscaping Modifications/StoryWalk® at North Branch**

The back patio was toured again. A StoryWalk® comprised of 16 posts is planned for this area for spring 2020, with sponsorship commitments already coming in. Cleanup will proceed, including taking the fountain down – necessitating below-ground-level excavation and subsequent infill, extending a section of sidewalk and removing a smaller section of curved sidewalk, and digging up the lily turf. There was discussion regarding the use of slightly elevated decking in this space – and railing depending on code – and Jay will have estimates for the next meeting. A motion was made by Pat Barton, seconded by Jeanne Williamson, to move forward with this project using Capital Development Funds. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

**E. Siding at North Branch**

Jay Furniss reported that the application to join the class action is still in progress and completion is anticipated by next meeting.

**F. Media Lab at Main Library**

Randall Yelverton shared a proposed layout for a media lab, submitted by Jake Hamann of the Peoria Innovation Alliance, to be established either on LL1 or the second floor at Main Library. This project would represent a significant investment for the Library's long-term capability to serve the community's business and/or individual patron needs and would include a Virtual Reality lab, sound studio, green screen and podcast booths, plus workspaces. Policies for use of the lab will be developed. A motion was made by Jeanne Williamson, seconded by Dr. Mandar Pattekar, to proceed with the planning of a media lab at Main Library. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**TOPICS TO GUIDE FUTURE AGENDAS**

Emergency Lighting at North Branch

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Pat Barton, seconded by Dr. Mandar Pattekar, to adjourn this meeting at 5:35 p.m. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

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Margaret E. Cousin, Chair  
Building Committee  
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