

MINUTES
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
January 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Building Committee of the Board of Library Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Margaret E. Cousin in the Lower Level 2 Conference Room of Main Library, 107 NE Monroe, Peoria, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Margaret E. Cousin, Lucy D. Gulley, Dr. Arun S. Pinto, and Jeanne Williamson

Members Absent: Patricia A. Barton and Dr. Mandar Pattekar

Staff Present: Roberta Koscielski and Randall Yelverton

Others Present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Arun Pinto, seconded by Lucy Gulley, that the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of December 10, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE

None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. HVAC Project Update

Randall provided a brief status report. Outstanding items have not been completed and there is no further update.

B. Landscaping Modifications/StoryWalk® at North Branch

Randall reported that the City indicated we can use the fire lane and run the posts adjacent to it. A sidewalk connecting to the existing sidewalk could be laid for around \$5,000. The rocks could be moved and grass could be planted in their place. Jeanne Williamson reminded Committee members that the cost of decking is too expensive and she suggested leaving the huge rock where it is and have pine trees and shrubs planted in the area. Dr. Pinto suggested that the area be made kid-friendly. Jeanne also suggested the use of pavers and a picnic table. She directed Randall to contact a landscaper and have him visit North Branch when the Building Committee can be present. He should be provided with the aerial view of North Branch with adhesive dot stickers showing the prospective location of the StoryWalk®.

C. Siding at North Branch

Roberta reported that she and Jay Furniss met this morning, reviewed the application, and determined what still needs to be done before it can be submitted. The application is due in August 2020.

D. Display Furniture for North Branch

Randall reported that the Friends approved his request to purchase a rolling unit for the display of new books at North Branch.

F. Fireplace Schedule at North Branch

Effective Monday, December 16, 2019, the fireplace at North Branch will be used daily during the cold months of the year. Jamie Jones, the new North Branch Manager, will implement this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Randall reported that the North Branch emergency lights had a five-year warranty. We are beyond this warranty time period. The lights did operate beyond the warranty period.

Roberta reported that the North Branch fireplace is being turned on each day. Staff members have rearranged the comfortable furniture around the fireplace with the result of increasing the number of patrons they see sitting near it.

TOPICS TO GUIDE FUTURE AGENDAS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeanne Williamson, seconded by Dr. Arun Pinto, to adjourn this meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

Margaret E. Cousin, Chair
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