

MINUTES  
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
October 22, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Building Committee of the Board of Library Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Margaret Cousin in the Community Room of the Main Library, 107 NE Monroe St., Peoria, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Ruth Bittner (via phone), Margaret Cousin, Courtney Lee (joined meeting at 5:39 pm), Steven Marx, and Roberta Parks

Other Board Members Present: None

Members Absent: Barbara Van Auken

Staff Present: Veronica De Fazio, Deputy Director; and Randall Yelverton; Executive Director

Others Present: Bennett Johnson and Roberta Koscielski

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Roberta Parks, seconded by Ruth Bittner, to approve the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of May 10, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE**

None

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. Review Updated Capital Development Plan**

Randall Yelverton provided an overview of the first draft of the Library's Capital Development Plan. Cousin inquired as to what happens to yearly unspent funds. Yelverton responded that those unspent funds are then moved in to the capital development fund.

Parks asked which of the items listed are critical in 2025. Yelverton responded that the mini splits for the HVAC for the Lincoln server room, and the Monroe Room and server room at Main are critical in 2025, as well as upgrading the Library's security system.

A motion was made by Roberta Parks, seconded by Steve Marx to approve the plan with anything exceeding the amount of \$25,000 being brought before the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Discuss Peacock Chairs**

There are four chairs in total, one of which has been re-caned. Mr. Bennett provided historical background on the Peacock chairs designed by Hans Wegner. The chairs are currently in storage at the Main Library. The chairs were purchased by the library sometime

between 1978 and 1984. Discussion was held as to what to do with the chairs. Consensus was that the first step is to have the chairs appraised in order to determine their value. Yelverton requested that the committee members assist in locating a reputable, knowledgeable appraiser.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

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Margaret E. Cousin, Chair  
Building Committee  
Board of Library Trustees  
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