

Lake Forest Library Board of Trustees
360 E Deerpath Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
Regular Meeting (Remote Access) Minutes
5:30 p.m. August 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Wendy Darling called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following statement:

This meeting of the Lake Forest Library Board is being held as a virtual meeting because the Illinois Governor has declared the COVID-19 pandemic a disaster and it is not practical or prudent for in-person meetings. The Library Director is on-site at the Library for this meeting and may be reached by calling 847.810.4602. This meeting is being recorded.

ROLL CALL/CONFIRMATION OF ABILITY TO HEAR PROCEEDINGS

Trustees Present: Germaine Arnson, Bryan Bertola, Wendy Darling, JoAnn Desmond, Elizabeth Grob, JJ Johnson (late arrival), Andrea Lemke, David Rose and Carrie Travers.
Staff Present: Catherine Lemmer, Library Director; Ed Finn, Head of Operations.
HGA, Inc.: Victor Pechaty, Jason Vanselow, Jane Dederling, and Ginny Lackovic

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Arnson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rose, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AND CORRESPONDENCE

No request to address the board on any issue not on the agenda. Correspondence received in advance was included in the Board packet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Rose made a motion, seconded by Trustee Travers to approve the August 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

DISCUSSION OF MOVING SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The consensus of the Board was to keep the September Regular Board Meeting on the second Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND PRESENTATION BY HGA, INC. AND DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF NEXT STEPS IN THE DESIGN PROCESS

Director Lemmer provided an historical timeline of the process the Board has engaged in dating from 2016 to the present, including its survey of community interests, strategic planning, evaluation of facility and space needs, and decision-making rationale, to proceed with this private/public partnership.

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Mr. Victor Pechaty, HGA, presented an overview of the foundational research that has guided the HGA work thus far, which included a feasibility study, space program summary, site parameters and pre-design options to date. He shared that the vision for the library is to be a community attraction; multi-generational; flexible and adaptable; technology forward; accessible; customer focused; optimal program delivery; affirm the Edwin Clark legacy; and embrace the future.

The Feasibility Report HGA completed highlights the historical significance of the Edwin Clark building; the developmental history of the structure; physical descriptions; existing condition assessment; copper dome repair; engineering assessment; and recommendations for historical preservation and restoration of the building.

Mr. Pechaty presented the design alternatives that were evaluated for costs from repair of the existing building to the construction of a new facility. He further discussed the space program summary to achieve the library's mission and the changed site parameters and limitations.

In discussing the evolution of the changing design, Mr. Pechaty reviewed comments by the Library Board and Preservation Advisory Group consisting of members of the Lake Forest Preservation Foundation and the Lake Forest Historic Preservation Foundation. As a result of the various input he received, Mr. Pechaty presented two design options: a classical design (Option A) and a "conversation across time" design (Option B).

After the Trustees concluded their questions and discussion, President Darling solicited comments from the public. Resident Rommy Lopat (410 E. Woodland Rd) expressed a concern about site constraints. Peter Reed (LF family history) communicated that the Board was going in a great direction and he is thrilled the 1931 building will be restored. Although he stated that he liked both options, he personally leans towards Option B.

In order to proceed with the next steps in the design process, Trustee Rose made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lemke to recommend design Option B "Conversation Across Time Design" to further our conversation with the community and stakeholders. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Ayes: Trustees Arnson, Bertola, Darling, Grob, Johnson, Lemke, Rose and Travers. Abstain: Trustee Desmond.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

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ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Arnson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grob, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Board Meeting: September 8, 2020 7:30 p.m., Remote Access

/s/ JoAnn Desmond (signed electronically due COVID-19 pandemic)

JoAnn Desmond, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board on September 8, 2020.