

Rock Island Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Rock Island Public Library met at the Rock Island Public Library, 2nd Floor, Director's Office, with Eudell Watts III, President, presiding.

Call to Order: Eudell Watts, III, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Attendance:

Present: Jenni Swanson, Deborah Freiburg, Karen Phillips, Pat Mahar, Holly Sparkman, Elizabeth Russell

Also present were: Angela Campbell, Library Director; Lisa Lockheart, PR/Outreach Liaison; Kellie Kerns, Director – Business Office & Facilities; Kathy Lelonek – Foundation Director; Larissa Pothoven, High School Student Board Member

Absent: Jacki Nelson and Kevin Koski

Public Comment: John Thorson – City HR Director; Victoria Schoess – RIPL Director of Circulation Services; Rachel Ippolito – Reference Librarian; City Mayor Mike Thoms

Public Comment attendees introduced themselves to the Board.

Elizabeth Russell made a motion to enter into Closed Session under Matters of Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2c Exception 2, "Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees." Karen Phillips seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 6 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Swanson, and Russell; 2 ABSENT: Koski and Nelson; 0 NAYs

The Board went out of regular session at 5:03 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 5:04 p.m.

No vote or action was taken during the closed session.

The Board went out of closed session at 5:14 p.m. and entered Regular Session at 5:15 p.m. Pat Mahar made the motion. Deborah Freiburg seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 6 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Swanson, and Russell; 2 ABSENT: Koski and Nelson; 0 NAYs

Jenni Swanson made the motion to approve the proposed economic interest, tentative agreement, points for collective bargaining. Holly Sparkman seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 6 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Swanson, and Russell; 2 ABSENT: Koski and Nelson; 0 NAYs

Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed the November 19th meeting minutes. There were corrections. Eudell Watts III advised the minutes stand approved as amended.

Board Education: Nothing to Report.

Correspondence: Was presented to the Board.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Holly Sparkman made the motion to approve the monthly bills for November for a total of \$46,537.58. Elizabeth Russell seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 6 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Swanson, and Russell; 2 ABSENT: Koski and Nelson; 0 NAYs

Angela Campbell provided updates regarding the status of the CY20 budget with City Council on December 9th and 16th.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Nothing to Report.

Personnel & Policy

The annual process of evaluating the Library Director will begin with member copies due to Kevin Koski by January 8th. The Committee set a meeting for January 15th at 1:00 p.m. to review and set a recommendation for the January Board meeting.

Planning & Community Relations

Nothing to Report.

Art Committee

Kathy Lelonek continues to work on reframing project of important pieces.

Foundation

Kathy Lelonek provided update regarding the Foundation Board's last set of meetings.

Administrator Reports:

The Board was presented the Director's monthly report, included in the Board packet. No questions were asked. The Board was presented with the latest statistics and fielded questions.

Unfinished Business:

Angela Campbell, Kathy Lelonek, and Mayor Thoms provided updates regarding the status of the potential partnership feasibility study results. Attendees discussed their observations of the potential partnership with the YMCA (including the food service program), and RIFAC services. Angela Campbell provided updates regarding the status of the sale of 30/31 Library property.

Angela Campbell advised the Board final door counts will be available at the January meeting in order to determine Library locations' future hours of operation.

The Mobile Library Delivery Aide position has been offered and accepted. Testing and further training on the vehicle and routes will occur in December and January. The Board was provided an invitation to the ribbon-cutting event at 2:30pm on January 7th, across the street from Earl Hanson.

New Business:

Karen Phillips made the motion to approve schedule of regular meeting dates for the Calendar Year 2020 – Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2.03. Deborah Freiburg seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 6 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Swanson, and Russell; 2 ABSENT: Koski and Nelson; 1 ABSTAIN: Mahar 0 NAYs

Holly Sparkman made the motion to approve setting Non-Resident fee at \$125.00, effective January 1, 2020. Pat Mahar seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 6 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Swanson, and Russell; 2 ABSENT: Koski and Nelson; 0 NAYs

Holly Sparkman made the motion to approve proceeding with the Energy Performance project for the Downtown Library, as part of the City of Rock Island contract with Johnson Controls. Elizabeth Russell seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 6 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Swanson, and Russell; 2 ABSENT: Koski and Nelson; 0 NAYs

Information Sharing:

- Staff Program Evaluations – Bell/Cameron
- 2020 City Council Meetings
- Campbell Certificate of Completion
- Kerns GRHRA Letter of Appreciation
- Staff Survey Results

Announcements:

Karen Phillips announced a performance on December 20th at Bucktown.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next meeting of the Rock Island Public Library will be January 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kerns
Director – Business Office & Facilities