

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARY RILEY STYLES PUBLIC LIBRARY
Held in the Mary Riley Styles Public Library
120 N. Virginia Avenue Falls Church, VA 22046
October 19, 2022

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jeff Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The following Board members attended the meeting, exceptions noted:

Bizzy Bracken
Patrick Cronin
Janis Johnson
Molly Novotny (Tardy)
Jeff Peterson
Elise Stein (Absent)
Chrystie Swiney

Others present for the meeting included: Consultants Rob Cullin and Ms. Janet Nelson from ReThinking Libraries, Library Foundation President Jess Sabo, Library Director Jenny Carroll and Sr. Administrative Assistant Claudia Gutierrez. Ms. Paula Hawkins attended virtually.

3. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

Ms. Sabo wanted to know if there were any deadlines on the process of the Great Streets Project. She thinks it is important to have a strong statement on the evolution of the project.

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Swiney and seconded by Ms. Bracken, the Library Board approved the September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

5. REVIEW DRAFT LETTER RE: GREAT STREETS

The Board discussed the content of the letter and added some changes and suggestions. They thanked Mr. Peterson for drafting the letter.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Novotny and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Library Board approved the letter as amended.

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION WITH RETHINKING LIBRARIES

Mr. Cullen and Ms. Nelson led the library board through a focus group session centered on different topics that may be of interest to the community. This presentation was similar to the other Community Focus group sessions that occurred this week. The consultants highlighted some of the public's concerns and preferences regarding library services and programs. Finally, the Board completed a visual voting exercise. On the wall the consultants placed sheets of paper with a variety of programs and services – some the library offers and some aspirational. Each Board member was given eight sticker dots to place on the items of importance to them. A community survey is available till October 28 which will provide additional input for the strategic planning process.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Cronin and seconded by Ms. Bracken, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Carroll
Library Director

Approved:

Jeff Peterson Chairperson

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