



PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order by K. Murray at 6:30 pm. Present were: S. Britt, S. Gloede, A. Matzdorf, B. McKnight, K. Murray, M. Hummitzsch and P. Norlander. Absent were: M. Kaczkowski. Also present: Library Director L. Jochman, C. Henson, FEH Design, K. Eipperle, FEH Design, and B. Ludvik, FEH Design.

Public Comment

Anne Hernandez expressed concern about potentially moving the library from the downtown. As a business owner, she is concerned about the impact it would have on businesses. It already has proximity to parks and it is walkable for kids.

Amy Kirchner stated that she prefers the central location of the current building or the potential hotel site. She has fond memories of coming to the library as a child. She thanked the library staff for their work and their commitment to freedom of speech.

Theresa Diesch stated that she was here to seek more information.

Jackie Pottratz said that there has been movement to restore the charm and history of the downtown. As a business owner and President of the Downtown Arts and Merchants she values keeping the library in the downtown. She hears from shoppers that they drop their kids at the library for programs and then have time for themselves to shop.

Angela Bender says she loves the Plymouth Library and the library staff. Her family is able to walk or bike to the current location and she is worried that moving the library to another site would lose the walkability especially for schools; Saint John the Baptist, Saint John Lutheran, Riverview. She would like to see more community input.

Motion by S. Britt, second by S. Gloede to New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

## New Business

FEH Design C. Henson presented a booklet of the work that has been accomplished so far. K. Eipperle said that based off of the Advisory Task Force meeting on June 3 that there was not a clear consensus from the group and that the Library Board might consider a community survey. The board discussed the tight timeline because of the flexible facilities grant, the scalability of site F, whether there has been enough community input to make a decision and discussed how to meet again before the Common Council meeting on June 25. Motion made by B. McKnight to schedule a special meeting on Monday, June 24 at 5:00 pm, second by M. Hummitzsch. Motion passed (6 voted aye, 1 voted no; Matzdorf).

The Board discussed a community survey. Concerns about the cost and the timeline of receiving feedback before the grant were expressed. Motion by M. Hummitzsch to approve the community survey, second by S. Britt. Motion passed (6 voted aye, 1 voted no; Matzdorf).

The Board discussed 3D renderings of the two sites with the most interest. K. Eipperle explained their normal process for 3D designs and that it is typically done during the Fundraising phase of a project. No action was taken on the 3D renderings.

K. Murray asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation. Motion by S. Britt, second by S. Gloede. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by A. Matzdorf, second by B. McKnight to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by S. Britt, second by P. Norlander to approve the financial report for May 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Director L. Jochman reviewed some highlighted items on her monthly report. This included an update on Summer Reading Program, library staffing, a donation of MorningStar Database, and more.

## Announcements

President K. Murray thanked the Library Board members that helped plant in front of the Children's area window.

Motion by P. Norlander, second by S. Gloede to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Submitted by, Leslie Jochman  
Library Board Secretary