

Rock Island Public Library Board
Art & Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 16th, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Rock Island Public Library – 2nd Floor, Downtown Library

Type of Meeting: Art & Facilities Meeting

Call to Order: Committee Chair Pat Mahar called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Attendance: Pat Mahar, Jenni Swanson, Karen Phillips, Jo Noon, Jacki Nelson, Deborah Freiburg, Elizabeth Russell; Angela Campbell, Library Director; Kayla Steffen, Business & Facilities Director

Absent: Eudell Watts III; Dr. Yolanda Grandberry Pugh; Milan-Black Hawk Area Public Library District Board Member Elizabeth Bouslough.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

1. Director Campbell has been working with architect Jeff Dimer from Studio 483 on ADA restroom renovation plans. She distributed copies of the architect layouts and reviewed the plans with the committee. One floor will be done at a time. It was reported that the city may allow for a variance on the number of fixtures needed for the building, which could save money. If fixtures are required and added, the project could cost as much as \$480,000. Director Campbell has applied for funds Community Development Block Grant, which may need to be used in tandem with the City of Rock Island funds, and the Rock Island Public Library Foundation donations. Committee Chair Mahar questioned the library's occupancy load. Business & Facilities Director Steffen will work on obtaining occupancy information for the Downtown Library.
2. The committee discussed the new parking lot and agrees to wait on renovations until grant money or other funding is obtained.

Old Business:

1. The committee revisited the idea of rotating art displays, specifically at the Watts-Midtown Branch. Potential routes discussed include: hiring a curator, QC Arts, the Rock Island Art Guild, the Western Illinois Museum Studies Graduate Program, art programs at St. Ambrose University and Augustana College, and an art contact of Trustee Freiburg. President Swanson reported that art cannot be sold, unless it somehow benefits the library. The art policy will need revised if the committee decides to commit to rotating art displays.

Closed Session: Not needed.

Information Sharing: None.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Committee Chair Mahar adjourned the meeting at 4:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kayla Steffen, Business & Facilities Director