

Meeting Minutes: Special Board Meeting: December 6, 2020

Call to Order: At 1:10 pm, Vice-President Bevan called the Special meeting of the River Forest Public Library Board of Trustees to order. The roll was taken.

- Trustees Present: Hill, Bevan, Smedinghoff, Hopkinson, Long, Calabrese-Berry and Stierwalt
- Also Present: Joanna Bertucci, Interim Co-Director

President Hill made the following announcement at the start of the December 6, 2020 special meeting. Governor Pritzker signed Bill 2135, which specifies requirements for meetings of public bodies while Illinois is under a state of emergency and disaster declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill states that if an in person meeting is not practical or prudent, members of the public body can call into a meeting as long as one Trustee or the Chief Executive Officer is present at the public body's physical location. All votes must be roll call votes and the meeting must be recorded.

In order to comply with this law, Library Board President Deborah Hill and Interim Co-Director Joanna Bertucci are present at the River Forest Public Library building (735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest, Illinois) and the meeting is being recorded via Zoom.

Public Comments:

- None submitted

Closed Session: 5 ILCS 120/2c(1)

- A motion was made by Trustee Bevan and seconded by Trustee Long to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.
 - Ayes: Bevan, Calabrese-Berry, Hill, Hopkinson, Long, Smedinghoff and Stierwalt
- Closed session took place from 1:14 pm – 4:37 pm
- At 4:37 pm, President Hill asked for a motion to return to open session. Trustee Long moved to return to open session, Trustee Calabrese-Berry seconded and a roll call vote was taken:
 - Ayes: Bevan, Calabrese-Berry, Hill, Hopkinson, Long, Smedinghoff and Stierwalt
- President Hill stated the board discussed employment matters as they pertain to 5 ILCS 120/2c(1) and no action was taken during closed session.

Air Handler Project Update

- President Hill shared that River Forest Village Administrator Eric Palm and Building Official Cliff Raditz visited the Library to tour the interior air

handler room and exterior space. Mr. Palm raised two points for the Library to consider moving forward. The first is whether or not an exterior relocation would trigger a planned development and presentation before the VRF Development Review Board and the level of noise an exterior unit would generate. Mr. Palm also suggested that the Library host a community meeting in advance of the project.

- The Facilities committee will be meeting on Wednesday, December 9, to discuss the Library's presentation to the Park District Board on Monday, January 11th.

President Hill thanked Trustees Bevan and Long and Ms. Bertucci for their work on the Search Committee to bring forward qualified candidates for the Library Director position.

At 4:57 pm Trustee Bevan moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Trustee Stierwalt seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

- Ayes: Bevan, Smedinghoff, Hill, Hopkinson, Long, Calabrese-Berry, Stierwalt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Hopkinson
Secretary