

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD
AUGUST 8, 2017 AT 8:04 P.M. IN THE THIRD FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

ROLL CALL:

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Michael Reardon, Chair Pro-tem; Karen Burkum, Charlene Foss-Eggemann, Gareth Kennedy, Joshua Kiem, Judith Rayborn

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Joseph Egan, Chair; Stevan Dobrilovic, Patrick Lamb

OTHERS PRESENT: Anastasia Daskalos, Interim Library Co-Director; Laura Scott, Interim Library Co-Director; Alderman Charlie Melidosian, Library Liaison; Rick McCarthy, Studio GC Architecture

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Burkum made a

MOTION: to approve the minutes for the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held July 11, 2017

Mrs. Rayborn SECONDED the motion.

Voice vote: 4 Yay: Burkum, Kiem, Rayborn, Reardon
 2 Abstain: Foss-Eggemann, Kennedy
 3 Absent: Dobrilovic, Egan, Lamb

MOTION PASSED

Library Improvement Project

At the COW (Committee of the Whole) meeting, Mr. McCarthy spoke about the possibility of changing directions with the renovation project, and reviewed what transpired at the meeting with the City on August 4, 2017. During discussion at this meeting, the idea of moving forward with certain library improvements while at the same time developing a plan for life safety improvements was discussed. Steve Steffens and Kevin Plach agreed that this might be a possibility.

Mr. Reardon stated he felt the breakthrough at the meeting occurred when the City agreed that the Library building would never be fully code compliant. Mr. Reardon added we are hoping there's a dual path, i.e., our project goes forward and we separately figure out a plan for sprinklers. Mr. McCarthy said it is a rational plan and it has the immediate benefit of making the building safer. Mr. McCarthy stated this plan obviates the need for a third party inspector. Mr. Reardon stated he believes that from the City's perspective they want to make sure the Library is as safe as it can be. Also that this is a dual path project: the Library and City have to negotiate who will pay for sprinklers. At the same time the Library will continue to pursue the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Mr. McCarthy stated he hopes the dual path will be independent of sprinklers. When asked what the next step is, Mr. McCarthy replied that he will submit a document to the City which specifies the improvements the library anticipates and states if each improvement improves or is neutral in regard to the building's safety. Studio GC will then sit down with representatives from the City and ask if they approve and if this moves the Library forward toward beginning renovation.

Mr. Kennedy asked about a timeline once the Library obtains the permit. Mr. McCarthy replied it is partly dependent on the contractor but hopefully Studio GC can mobilize in three to four weeks. When asked if the furniture should be ordered now, Mr. McCarthy replied it would be better to wait so it does not have to be stored.

Mr. Reardon stated the City will hire a third party to consult. Ms. Scott stated that in the meeting last week, this was discussed and the City Manager stated it would have to go out for a quote if the City is to hire a third party consultant.

Mr. Reardon raised the question of Studio GC getting extra compensation because of the extra time involved.

8:27 p.m. The meeting adjourned briefly at to go into Planning & Operations Committee Grounds Committee.

8:29 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee reconvened.

Proposed City Revisions of Parking Ordinances

In regard to the proposal by the City to change twenty parking spots at the back corner of the Central Lot adjacent to Summit and Touhy to permit parking, it was asked if the Library has a choice in the matter. Mr. Kiem said he does not think the Library should take a stand. Mrs. Burkum stated she does not think the Library should have to give up parking spots. Mrs. Foss-Eggemann said one gets more utility from three or four people using a spot as opposed to a commuter using it for ten hours. Ms. Daskalos clarified that she put this matter on the agenda because Public Works informed the Library it will be on the City Council agenda. Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Reardon wondered if the Library should ask the City to change the cut off time for commuter parking to 10:00 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. Mr. Kennedy was recruited to attend the City Council meeting and request this.

Adjournment: 8:43 p.m.

Joseph Egan, Chair