

Board of Trustees, 06/13/2023

Committee: Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees

Place: Virtual

Date: June 13, 2023

Posted Meeting Time: 5:00pm

Call to Order: Doris Cowdrey called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

Chairperson's statement: *This meeting is being recorded by request.*

Roll Call: Sarah Ahearn Bellmare, Bill Benson, Ed Berlin, Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, Doris Cowdrey, Sam Wood

Other: Ellen Boyer(Director), Paul Jablon (Friend)

Public: Rachael Katz, Mary Chicoine

Changes/Additions to the Agenda – Discussion of bee sculpture

Public Comment – Rachael and Mary introduce themselves

Approval of minutes from May meeting -

MOTION: On a motion by Ed Berlin and seconded by Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the May 9, 2023 meeting minutes

Friends Report - Paul Jablon

- \$1,800 raised in Pints for Programs
- Starting to get ready for Restaurant Raffel
- Restaurant fundraiser raises more money each year

New Business

- Doris - Announcement of Anna Bognolo as new Director
- Doris reported that the Hiring Committee had 12 original interviews and invited four candidates for second interviews
- Doris - we had voted in May to put bee sculpture out on a temporary basis for Bee Fest
- Doris turns meeting over to Rachael
- Rachael shared screen - a flow diagram of the plaza/library facade that they had from building architects. Diagram has been labeled with numbers 1-4 by RK
- Rachael points out possible locations for bee sculpture to be installed - locations are labeled as follows -
 1. Where sculpture was placed for Bee Fest. Rachel describes this as most free and clear from issues with flow
 2. Between the two trees. Rachael - I like as well from an aesthetic point
 3. This location is closer to old building and corner of new driveway. RK says - More risk with plow and vehicle traffic. Snow plow complications.
 4. Location is tucked against the building. Possible transient meeting place says RK
- Renderings (by RK) are shown with sculpture superimposed on flow chart to show clear positioning. RK says #2 spot is just as good as spot #1. #3 is more into traffic issues. #4 spot is not as visible, my 4th choice, but not a bad spot said RK
- Doris thanks Rachael for their great presentation
- Bill Benson asked about snow removal. RK - they've talked with DPW all positions are fine, but #3 will be tricky. Bill asks where snow will be piled or pushed on plaza. RK did not discuss that detail with DPW.

- Sarah Ahearn Bellemare asked - Who owns the bee? What is something were to happen to the bee? RK answered - The bees have a big fan club in town. They are painted with automotive urethane. Not an issue with vandalism. Bees are very reinforced with 4 bolts on the pedestal. RK - I'm backing these as long as I'm alive. Owned by the City of Greenfield.
- Jonathan to RK - Incredible work.

Trustees vote

- Doris 2. Ed 2. Jonathan 1. Sarah 2. Bill 2. Sam 2.
- Ed moves - We agree to place the bee in location 2 as we see in this diagram.
- Bill seconds
- All YES with a roll call vote
- Doris thanked Rachael and Mary
- Bill asked Ellen when it will be placed? RK will contact DPW to install and will keep Doris in the loop. RK and MC leave meeting
- Ed says how we were trashed in the media for not voting at the May meeting, but we did this right by taking our time and having all of the information. We took safety and stakeholders into account.

Old Business and Committee Reports

- Building Committee
 - Ed reported we are very close to certificate of occupancy
 - There are railing issues - a code issue. Believes they were finished today on kid's back patio
- Director's Report
 - Ellen reported nothing was cut out from budget, a part time children's librarian was approved. Process to hire will start by August. Position will be evenings and weekends.
 - June 24th was book chain
 - This is last meeting from Levitt Hovey House
 - Please share about Grand Opening celebration

MOTION: On a motion **by xx**, seconded by Bill Benson, it was unanimously accepted

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting

*Meeting adjourned at x:xxpm *I believe it was just about 6 pm...*

I did not write down time or who motioned for adjourn - maybe someone remembers or can view video for exact time! sorry...