

MINUTES OF A LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

A Long Range Planning Committee Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Zimmerman Room of the Barrington Area Library. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Board and the Press on September 8, 2023.

Trustees Present:

Carrie Carr
Kristin Cunningham
Jackie McGrath
Jennifer Lucas
Jan Miller
Anne Ordway
Lindsay Prigge

Staff in Attendance:

Jason Katsion
Jason Pinshower
Aly Prchal
Haley Schommer
Lisa Stordahl

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, Anne Ordway, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Lisa Stordahl called the roll.

III. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

IV. STAFF/PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES FOR OUTSIDE SPACE

Director Pinshower introduced Aly Prchal, Head of Youth Services, and Hayley Schommer, Head of Adult Services to the Board, who presented the trustees with their priorities for the utilization of the outdoor spaces throughout the Library campus.

The presentation began with a timeline and statistics related to outdoor programming at the Library. Ms. Prchal noted that staff have learned and developed best practices for outdoor programs and are intentional in their program designs. Although the initial increase to outdoor program offerings was born of necessity due to the pandemic, Outdoor programs have continued for a number of reasons including the following:

- Increased demand for outdoor experiences at the Library
- Outdoor programming has a positive impact on visits to the Library
- There is an audience for nature-focused programs provided by the Library

Both Ms. Prchal and Ms. Schommer agreed that their number one priority for the outdoor space would be a Presentation Space/Shade Structure. The Shade Structure would be used for many different programming needs including story times, presenters, and concerts, and would include electrical outlets and Wi-Fi.

Other priorities included the following suggestions:

- Study/Meeting/Gathering Spaces
 - Variety of seating options including some with tables
 - Wi-Fi enabled
- Areas for Reading and Reflection
 - Walking paths, nature views ,story walk, signage identifying plants and animals
- Nature-inspired Discovery and Play Area
 - Sensory elements
 - Interactive
 - Can be used in programs or for independent exploration

After answering some questions from the Trustees, Ms. Prchal and Ms. Schommer left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

V. NEXT STEPS

After a short discussion, the Trustees directed Mr. Pinshower to reach out to Hitchcock Design for a proposal.

VI: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Committee Chair Ordway, and seconded by Treasurer Lucas. All voted aye. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

/s/ Anne Ordway
Secretary