



## LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

225 N CROSS STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

Monday, February 20, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

### I. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Wheaton Public Library held their regular Board meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023. Board President Laurie Metanchuk called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present in person at roll call: Christine Fenne, Al Herbach, Laurie Metanchuk and Steve Siemer. Attending via Zoom was Simone Morton. Attending via telephone: Bob Lyon. Absent: Kathryn Staron and Vallari Talapatra. Betsy Adamowski, Library Director, Ed Sirovatka, IT/Facilities Manager, and Lisa Christell-Sandri, Library Finance/Business Office Manager and recording secretary for this meeting, were also in attendance.

### II. Citizens to be Heard

None

### III. West Side Plaza Presentation – Studio GC

Mrs. Adamowski began with a short overview of the project, noting that the Library was selected to receive a \$750,000 federal grant to renovate the west side plaza. She also noted that the paperwork has not been received so there is no timeline yet. Rick McCarthy and Nikki Bridges spoke about the project requirements such as the plaza being a destination for gathering, and the need to be conscious of the environment and life/safety issues. They said the bid packages will likely have alternate pricing in case there are items that are able to be added. Rick McCarthy pointed out the need to make the north area along the park more visible to walk through. With Library Board approval, Studio GC will present to the City Council. Mrs. Adamowski said she believed the grant would be awarded by mid-March. Questions and discussion occurred.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### IV. Minutes for the January 16, 2023 Board Meeting

#### V. Financial Reports for February 2023 and Bill Listing for December 2022 and February 2023 Payment

Mrs. Fenne moved and Mr. Siemer seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items.

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mrs. Morton  
Mr. Lyon  
Mr. Siemer  
Mrs. Fenne  
Mr. Herbach  
Mrs. Metanchuk

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Staron  
Ms. Talapatra

#### Motion Carried

#### VI. Library Director's Board Report for January 2023

Mrs. Adamowski stated that the Mad Fore Plaid event went very well; both the Library and the DuPage County Historical Museum earned about \$10,000 each. She noted that the next Mad Fore Plaid event is planned to be in 2025. Mrs. Adamowski said the bids for the chiller replacement will be in by the March Board meeting. She will also have the 2022 Annual Report, updated by-laws and information for the next

Strategic Plan at the March meeting. She told the members that she met with Altiro's marketing person and a new marketing push is being planned, hopefully launching by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VII. Unfinished Business:**

None

**VIII. New Business:**

None

**IX. Board Member Comments (round the Table)**

Mrs. Metanchuk noted there are three ILA Trustee forums coming up. She noted that they are very informative and encouraged the members to consider attending.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees, Mr. Siemer moved and Mr. Herbach seconded that the meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken and the motion for adjournment carried at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Christell-Sandri  
Finance/Business Office Manager

**APPROVED:**

  
**Board President**