



MEETING MINUTES
EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Meeting of the Board
6:30 PM
Virtually, via Zoom

As the result of an executive order issued by Governor J.B. Pritzker suspending in-person attendance requirements for public meetings due to COVID-19, Library Trustees, staff and guests participated in this meeting remotely.

Members Present: Tracy Fulce, Adam Goodman, Rachel Hayman, Shawn Iles, Margaret Lurie, Benjamin Schapiro and Terry Soto

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Karen Danczak Lyons, Teri Campbell, Tabitha Ledbetter and Lea Hernandez-Solis

Presiding Member: Tracy Fulce, President

Call to order/Declaration of Quorum: President Fulce called the meeting to order when a quorum of Trustees was established at 6:33 p.m.

Citizen Comment:

Gay Riseborough, representing the Arts Council advocated for the acceptance of the *Enigma* sculpture as a donation to the public art collection at the Main Library if it cannot be displayed in the Reading Garden at Robert Crown Library branch.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Bills and Payroll and Minutes of the June 16, 2021 Board Meeting**
Upon motion made by Trustee Schapiro and seconded by Trustee Lurie, the consent agenda was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS: Together, We are the Library

Executive Director Danczak Lyons welcomed the Library's new Social Worker, Tabitha Ledbetter who, by contract with AMITA Health, works closely with EPL's Safety/Security team.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Joint Task Force):

- A. Joint Task Force (Update).**

Executive Director Danczak Lyons shared highlights from the Racial Equity Task Force meeting including discussion of the Asset Based Community Development workshops, and the anticipated participation from community members. Staff are making progress obtaining video footage collected at summer events for grant-funded marketing. The Teen Advisory board will be reconstituted in Fall to welcome underserved voices to the table. The Marketing Manager vacancy has been posted, and widely advertised to attract talented candidates.

Library Director's Report (written report provided in advance):

Executive Director Danczak Lyons reported that the Secretary of State announced a competitive grant award of nearly \$40K to EPL for the Cardboard Challenge. She welcomed Trustees and meeting attendees to the culminating event of the Film Festival challenge. She provided an update on progress with the marketing firm on aligning future programming for better visibility to the audiences we prioritize. Efforts to work with the City Clerk to highlight EPL for the newest community members, taking advantage of existing city processes, are underway. Lyons answered questions pertaining to items from the written report.

Staff Report:

A. Administrative Services Report

Assistant Director Campbell invited questions after providing a brief overview of the written report.

Board Development: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Schapiro and seconded by Trustee Goodman and approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by: Terry Soto / Teri Campbell