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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

President Bruce Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Trustees present: Isela Catania, JoAnn Shafar, Eileen Valentino, Mary Vitale, and Renee Weiland. Absent: Lee Maternowski

Dave Frigo of Hitchcock Design presented the final draft of the Outdoor Master Plan to the Board and members of the Planning Committee. Every page of the plan was reviewed and discussed to ensure it covered important issues. Each page of the plan was thoroughly reviewed and discussed to ensure it reflected the important elements. Dave answered questions, and provided an update regarding pre-fab metal building manufacturers. Morton Buildings never responded to his calls. He is waiting for a quote from a firm in Colorado which builds something similar to Romtek, but is more affordable. The Board will possibly approve the Outdoor Master Plan at its February, 2025.

Director Nelson proposed to close the library at 9PM, Mondays – Thursdays. EGVPL is the only library in the area to be open until 10 PM on those evenings, and low foot traffic patterns into the evenings support shorter hours. Director Nelson provided thirteen months of door counts for review. Trustee Shafar proposed to open at 12 PM on Sundays to provide an extra hour on the weekend, and to offset the 9PM closings. The Board asked for more data, including Sunday hours for other libraries.

Director Nelson proposed the creation of a Digital and Maker Services Department to respond to the growing need and demand for technology and hands-on, creative learning. It was also suggested to change the educational requirement for the Makerspace Specialist position.

The Board discussed the Automated Logic Controls (ALC) proposals. Director Nelson notified the trustees that ALC would reduce the project cost by approximately $1000 if the library completed the project at once. However, compressing the timeline would make extra work for maintenance staff as well as negatively impact library operations. Rick Avalos talked to the Board about ALC'S maintenance agreement.

Due to a personal matter, Director Nelson cannot attend the March Board meeting, scheduled for March 4, 2025. The Board will vote to change the date to March 11, 2025 at the February 4, 2025 meeting.

Lastly, Director Nelson informed the trustees about the need for new computers in the Adult Computer Lab. The computers are 11 years old. The Board's approval to purchase 15 computers will be on the February 4, 2025 Meeting Agenda.

Trustee Shafar moved, seconded by Trustee Vitale, that the Board exit the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Valentino, Secretary pro-tem