

Randall Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes December 17, 2020 via Zoom

Present: Maureen Busch, Marcy Eckel, Laura Reiner, Kathy O'Brien, Marianne Sharin, Barbie Wolfenden, Tina McAndrew (Director)

Absent: Carol Stoltz

The meeting was called to order by Laura at 7:02 pm.

Laura requested that all public comments be held until the end of the meeting. Laura asked that all Trustees be respectful of one another and asked that any individual challenges be addressed individually.

Old Business

- Vision for the Library discussion and approval of text - Marcy

Marcy suggested that the Trustees contribute a paragraph as part of the RFP and then create a broader document about the vision for the Library project. The trustees have the experience, history, knowledge, and forethought about what the Library will become.

Marcy thanked all the Trustees for sending their ideas on what a 21st century library looks like. Discussion was had about what a vision statement should like versus a mission statement.

A vision statement describes what a library desires to achieve in the long-run; it depicts a vision of what the library will look like in the future and sets a defined direction for the planning and execution of the library's plans. Currently Randall Library has a mission statement but not a vision statement. Tina agreed to draft a vision statement by the February or March 2021 meeting.

There was also discussion about whether this vision statement can start and maintain momentum for the Building Project. With the Trustees all on the same page regarding what they would like to see in a new Library, it will enable easy elevator speeches with various stakeholders in town.

It was agreed that the Long Range plan of the Library needs updating.

The drafted paragraph was amended and approved by the Trustees by first motion, Marcy, second, Barbie in a 4 (in favor) to 2 (against) vote.

Kathy did not believe it is a good vision statement; Marianne believes it is a generic paragraph applicable to any library.

The following statement will be added to the beginning of Appendix B in the RFP:

Our library is a rare gem. A thoughtful renovation and expansion of the physical space will allow for advanced library services. Essential to the design should be the preservation of the historic building while adding the most up-to-date technology infrastructure; improved space planning and flow; modern conveniences; and bright, welcoming, sustainable, accessible, and flexible spaces that support the ways that Stow residents read, learn, and live in the 21st century.

Public Comment

Tim Reed joined in public comment to state that creating a vision statement will be hard because not everyone will be pleased. Tim stated the library building needs adequate access and a modern library needs the flexibility for spaces.

Barbie moved and Marianne seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm.

Next meeting January 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina McAndrew