

DEARBORN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2021
APPROVED

- ATTENDEES:
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| ➤ Chairperson Marcel Pultorak | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Vice Chairperson Dr. Ryan Lazar | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Secretary/Treasurer Jihan Jawad | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner Barth Bucciarelli | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner Ali Dagher | ➤ Absent |
| ➤ Commissioner Eva Gogola | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner Michelle Jawad | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Commissioner Arrwa Mogalli | ➤ Absent |
| ➤ Commissioner Mansour Sharha | ➤ Absent |
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| ➤ Library Director Maryanne Bartles | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Deputy Director Julie Schaefer | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Administrative Librarian Patty Podzikowski | ➤ Present |
| ➤ Department Technician Daniel Smith | ➤ Present |

Meeting was hosted online at Zoom.us in accordance with the temporary suspension of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and allowing for public participation.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission Chairperson Pultorak called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. He announced a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2021 Library Commission meeting.

- Chairperson Pultorak advised an edit to the “Strategic Plan” section of the April 2021 minutes. Amended minutes approved.

II BUDGET

There was some concern from City Council regarding a 32% budget increase since 2017. The HVAC system update and subsequent projects, as well as the City-wide Gallagher salary study, have had an impact on the Library budget over the last few years.

Some Council members are requesting benchmarking data against other Class VI libraries in the state.

There is \$3.3 million in the budget that is non-discretionary for City services and legacy costs.

III FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Foundation will meet next on May 24 at 7:00pm. All meetings will be via Zoom until otherwise noted.

Valerie Murphy-Goodrich and Ida Gonzales are the newest members of the Foundation. The board is assigning members to subcommittees.

Treasurer Brian Church sent the final count of the 2020 mail campaign to members of the Foundation.

IV INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Video: “Economic Power of Libraries”

The video demonstrated the relevance of libraries in times of economic uncertainty and their role in promoting social mobility in their communities. The commission related its message to the considerable investments made in Dearborn Library’s online resources and building upgrades.

B. Library of Michigan update of Commission email addresses

The commissioners’ Library-hosted email addresses were shared with the Library of Michigan.

C. Strategic plan

The commission reviewed the strategic plan and discussed changes to the priorities statement.

V ACTION ITEMS

None presented.

VI COMMENTS

The Library of Michigan has released a library trustee self-evaluation form that the commissioners will complete and discuss at the June meeting.

The commissioners discussed advocacy for the upcoming millage renewal vote.

FOLD volunteers have resumed work at Henry Ford Centennial on Wednesday mornings.

Commissioners Bucciarelli, Dagher, and Michelle Jawad have been recommended to the Mayor's Office for reappointment to three-year terms.

Dearborn resident Eliza praised the commission for the Library's services, programming, and community outreach efforts, especially throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09pm