DEARBORN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2021
APPROVED

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

Also in attendance was Dearborn Public Library Foundation Treasurer Brian Church

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 4:03pm. He announced a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2021 Library Commission meeting.

• No edits or amendments advised. Minutes approved.

II BUDGET

The budget will be approved at the June 15 City Council meeting. The City’s general fund will be up for discussion. The City submitted a budget that used $1.5 million of the fund balance, which the Council denied.

A new Assistant Librarian position at Esper Branch was not approved by City Council.

III FOUNDATION UPDATE
Treasurer Church reported that the Foundation has broken off into committee work over the summer and will reconvene in September.

The Foundation is focusing on event outreach for the millage renewal vote. The design for the lawn signs has been finalized and is going out for print. They will be available by June 25.

IV INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Strategic Plan

The commission will meet over the summer to begin rolling out the strategic plan.

B. Open Meetings Act

An Open Meetings Act authority will be appointed within the commission in the future to ensure compliance.

The commission discussed potential changes to the by-laws to better guide public participation. Some changes to the meeting schedule were also discussed in order to be more accessible to the public.

C. Commissioner Reappointments.

Commissioners Bucciarelli, Dagher, and Michele Jawad have been reappointed by the Mayor’s Office for three-year terms.

V ACTION ITEMS

A. Daily Internet Passes and Internet Only Library Cards

The administration proposed to abolish internet usage fees.

- Motion to approve made by Commissioner Michelle Jawad, second by Commissioner Gogola. Motion approved.

B. Update to the COVID Code of Conduct

A requirement for children ages 2 – 11 and unvaccinated individuals to wear masks was added to the COVID Code of Conduct.

- Motion to approve made by Commissioner Bucciarelli, second by Commissioners Jawad and Sharha. Motion approved.

VI COMMENTS
Foundation Treasurer Church reported that he had gathered data from the millage vote from 10 years ago.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm