



NORWALK EASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Special Session

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 **Time:** 6:00 pm

Location: Norwalk Easter Public Library

Call to Order

Board President Stephanie Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Trustees present: Steve Clarke, Stephanie Farmer, Nikki Huetter, Sarah Smith, and Elizabeth Thompson

Library Staff Present: Director Jean Strable

Others Present: Jim Dougherty

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the agenda as is; Mr. Clarke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Review and Approval of Patricia Boss Lawrence Trust – City Attorney Jim Dougherty presented an update to the status of the Patricia Boss Lawrence Trust. Ms. Lawrence was a former resident of Norwalk and left a portion of her estate to the library. After discussion, the board requested Mr. Dougherty ask for the missing exhibits as outlined in the trust documents. Mr. Clarke motioned to delay the approval until missing exhibits were provided; Ms. Thompson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Future Library Building – The board discussed the conceptual plans for a potential library as part of Norwalk Central. Pros and cons were outlined as a group. Wish list items include a drive-up; ample parking that is not underground; ample storage; room for future growth (20+ years); outdoor spaces such as a park or garden; public gathering spaces; ample staff workspaces; staff break room; computer lab; maker space; and square footage no less than 25,000 square feet. Concerns include lack of sufficient and accessible parking for all patrons; proposed location is landlocked; and location is too centralized between potential restaurants/shops, fieldhouse, and sports fields. Director Strable wanted to ensure a unified voice prior to her, Ms. Farmer, and Ms. Smith meeting with City Manager Luke Nelson on Wednesday July 21, 2021.

Adjournment

Ms. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.



/s/

Sarah Smith, Secretary
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