



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street
La Crosse WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

5:00 PM

Teleconference

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

PRESENT:

Sue Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Jodi Ehrenberger, Shelley Hay, Gary Padesky, Araysa Simpson

ABSENT:

Jeff Bagniefski, Cat Ellingson, Kathy Ivey

The Chair, Ms. Anglehart, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2 Phased Re-Opening Strategy

Ms. Grant provided an overview of the phase one re-opening draft, which is based on a template from Oshkosh Public Library. This plan outlines limited in-building services in addition to the curbside, virtual, online and Wi-Fi services currently being provided.

She also explained City's phased plan which includes limited hours as well as limited access within the building. She shared a comparison of other libraries in Wisconsin, most of which do not have an open date scheduled. La Crosse has been proactive, and is opening ahead of most other libraries in the state. In phase one, Main will be open by appointment only Monday – Friday 10 am – 1 pm, and 3 pm – 6 pm for computer and printing services. Cleaning will be done during the closed 1 pm – 3 pm time frame. Ms. Grant would like approval of these temporary hours so updated information can be released to the public in preparation of next week's opening.

Ms. Grant would also like temporary authority to adjust public access hours as needed per service demands. This would provide the flexibility to remain fluid and responsive without the board needing to approve changes when hours fluctuate.

There was further discussion about phase one. Face masks will be worn by staff and encouraged for the public. Masks will also be provided to the public if needed. Push back is expected, and has already happened at curbside. The board would like to draft a statement of support for staff to have as a message to the public if needed. Ms. Anglehart and Ms. Grant will draft a statement and send to board for review.

Motion to approve temporary public access hours for phase one re-opening of scheduled services at Main Library Monday through Friday 10 am – 1 pm, and 3 pm – 6 pm.

(Jodi Ehrenberger / Gary Padesky) Carried

Motion to approve the Library Director's authority to adjust public access hours as needed through December 31, 2020 in response to changing safety needs and staffing levels during the COVID-19 pandemic with the amendment that the Library Director would do this in consultation with the Library Board Chair.

(Gary Padesky / Katie Bittner) Carried

3. Adjournment

Time: 5:54 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

(Gary Padesky / Katie Bittner) Carried