



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

Committee of the Whole

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair, Ms. Ivey, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathy Ivey, Sue Anglehart, Aaron Engel, Ross Seymour, Erin Raymus, Mac Kiel

ABSENT: Jess Thill, Araysa Simpson, Katie Bittner

STAFF: Shanneon Grant, Elaine Petersen, Cole Zrostlik, Anita Doering, Dawn Wacek

Agenda Items:

1 Space Audit Presentation by Third Way Consultant, David Vinjamuri

1.1 Mr. Vinjamuri provided an overview of his background as a professor at NYU, his experience in and out of libraries, and introduced his work as a library space consultant.

1.2 Mr. Vinjamuri presented his findings during the space audit he performed on January 30 and 31. The recommendations seek to leverage existing space and infrastructure while providing a higher quality user experience and more effective library operations. Key recommendations include: truncating larger service desks, enlarging the Children's area, adding a corridor to the Main Hall programming space, moving the Teen Room and collections to the second floor, implementing marketplace displays to increase circulation, using compact shelving for non-fiction storage, dedicating a lower-level space for unhoused services, adding a new meeting room to the main level, creating a work zone on the second floor, and relocating Archives services to the lower level so department functions are congruently configured. The full report will be shared with the Board.

2 Library Bereavement Policy

2.1 Following the Board's recommendation to re-work the City Bereavement Policy, a new draft policy was presented that addressed concerns voiced last month.

Future Meeting Recommendation:

Members of the Board requested a report reviewing the impact of having Talon Security onsite from December 19-March 19, particularly from the perspective of library staff. A report will be provided at the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

Adjournment at 6:30 p.m.