



ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

President Bruce Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Trustees present: Isela Catania, Lee Maternowski, JoAnn Shafar, Eileen Valentino, Mary Vitale, and Renee Weiland. Also present: Library Director Debra Nelson.

Trustees were updated on plans to close the library for library software upgrades and staff in-service training. The date is scheduled for January 23, 2025.

Board members reviewed and discussed the initial draft of a proposed cell phone reimbursement policy. They asked questions regarding FOIA requests and advised Director Nelson to consult with the library's attorney for assistance.

In anticipation of the FY 2025-26 budget, Director Nelson informed the board of her objective to create a collection development position aimed at optimizing the use and management of the library's extensive resources. She also sought the trustees' support for a special arcade display to be held from June to August 2025. The Arlington Heights Library collaborated with the same company in 2023, receiving a positive response from the community, and the Schaumburg Library is currently featuring the same display. Trustee Maternowski stated the display's cost of \$35,000 equates to approximately \$1 per resident. Board members expressed positive feedback and their support of the proposal.

Director Nelson advised board members of the library's intention to switch their trustee email accounts from Gmail to egvpl.org. The trustees conveyed their approval of the pending changes.

Director Nelson and the board discussed conducting an Indoor Master Plan, to complement the Outdoor Master Plan. Director Nelson talked about the need for more meeting and study rooms, a teen area, and space for staff. Although the proposed outdoor building will alleviate some storage issues inside the library, it will not provide the space needed for the public. The trustees shared their concerns about costs. Trustee Catania explained the rationale behind a master plan; that it serves as a guide for the building's future development. Trustee Maternowski said that a master plan represents potential and is not an obligation to make immediate changes. Trustee Barnett stated he would want to see cost estimates with the plan.

Trustee Valentino moved, seconded by Trustee Weiland, that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss performance, compensation and discipline for specific employees.

On a voice vote, the motion was passed.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:50 PM.

Trustee Vitale moved, seconded by Trustee Catania, that the Board exit the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Maternowski, Secretary