

In keeping with Executive Order 202.1 (regarding emergency adjustments to the Open Meetings Law in response to the Covid-19 pandemic), while the public is permitted in-person access to this meeting, and the meeting was also held remotely via Zoom video conference link posted on Pearl River Public Library website 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. As required by the Governor's Order, the public will have the ability to view and listen to such proceedings via Zoom link, and the meeting shall be recorded, transcribed and made available on the Library's website.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library was held on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Present were Board President Eric Sharrin, Vice President William Morris, Trustee Donna Warren, Trustee Irene D'Anna, Trustee Michael McCue, Library Director Eugenia Schatoff, and Board Clerk Wendy Courtney.

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Sharrin called the meeting to order at 7:08PM. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were two members of the public at the meeting via Zoom.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Building & Grounds – Library Tours Report** – Trustees D'Anna and McCue reported on the progress of the Library Tours being offered and on feedback and comments received. Trustee D'Anna stated that many people were unfamiliar with the level of deterioration of the building and were not aware of the amount of work that needs to be done. Director Schatoff reported that the tours had attracted a mix of people
- b. **Ad Hoc Committee – Alternate plans for Library renewal** – Board President Sharrin reviewed and discussed other plans that were first presented in 2019. There was discussion regarding applying for Grant Funding, but applications for grants cannot be made until project is approved and bond referendum is approved by voters.
  - i. **New building on a different site** – Board President Sharrin discussed pros and cons of building on new site.
  - ii. **Reduce scope of present plan** – There was some discussion regarding whether reducing the scope of the present plan would reduce the costs of the project. Director Schatoff reminded the Board that the present cost estimates of the project were already over a year old and would be even older by the time a vote was held and work was started. It would be necessary to reduce the scope of the project just to stay within the estimate.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2. Library Renewal Project**

- a. **Discussion of current project** – The current project was discussed extensively during the presentation of Committee Reports above.
- b. **Advisory committee input** -- Director Schatoff reported on her meetings with Advisory Committee members to date. Director Schatoff will supply a written summary of Library Renewal Advisory Committee activity at the May 25 Board meeting.
- c. **Discussion on how to proceed** – The Board reached a consensus to vote on the Resolution that was tabled at the April 26 meeting at the meeting on May 25, 2021.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Warren, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:21PM.

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Wendy Courtney, Board Clerk

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING – TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021**