

LRAC Meeting

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Attendees: Richard DeFiore (?), Tom DiPrisco, Jeannine Clark, Tom Warren, Ashley Toombs, Frances Brooks, Bob Simon, Nancy Shah and Cathy Cawley

Nancy introduced herself to the attendees and presented and reviewed a timeline of milestones that have taken place this year.

- January: Moved into temporary location @ Ringner's on E. Central Ave
- May: Permit received from NYSED
- May 19: Public Notice to bidders published
- June 17: Bids opened
- June 30: Project awarded to Bertussi and Rockland Electric
- July: Contracts drafted and reviewed
- August 20: Construction begins

Due to rising cost, decisions were made to revise the construction documents to include add and deduct alternates for the project.

The current bid includes:

- full renovation of first floor
- 5 study rooms
- New Roof
- New Chiller and HVAC system

The second floor renovation is not currently included nor is the upgrade of electrical conduit wiring. Contractors are holding the pricing and we are awaiting award amount from Library Construction Aid grants from NYS. We are committed to the second floor renovation and need the help of the committee and community to make it happen.

Nancy explained that the campaign to raise funds is in development. An attendee mentioned that the school district might have some concerns about the naming rights at the library. Tom DiPrisco said he will find out from the school board lawyers if that is the case.

It was suggested to educate the community about the project the library should attend school board meetings, town board meetings, community events and Shoprite with information sessions.

There are challenges and we are going to work together to get the information and build advocates to help support our efforts. Please help spread the word and connect us with library supporters, help us build a Friends Group and make the Pearl River Public Library library even better than it was before.

