
ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 20, 2024

Southglenn Library
6972 S Vine St
Centennial, CO

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shaw, Scott Bodfish, Theresa Mehringer, Steve Oliver, Katie Schroeder, Liz Nichols

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sally Daigle

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OTHERS ATTENDING: Beth Dauer, Attorney

STAFF PRESENT: Oli Sanidas, Executive Director; Marie Greene, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Mahin, Director of Finance; Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology; Jessica Sidener, Director of Marketing Strategy and Community Relations; Caroline Heinselman, Director of People Services; Linda Speas, Director of Library Operations; Cynthia Kiyotake, Associate Director of Library Operations; Nicole Wilhelms, Library Manager; Mollie Lancaster, Collection Librarian

Katie Schroeder opened the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Katie opened the meeting to public comment by reading the Guidelines for Public Introductions and Comment:

Thank you for attending this meeting of the Arapahoe Library District Board of Trustees. We appreciate your interest. It is the policy of the Board to invite audience participation during the public comment portion of the agenda set aside for this purpose.

1. If you wish to speak, please sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet.
2. You may take up to five minutes to make your comments. (This time constraint may be modified by the Board President to be less than five minutes if there are a number of persons wishing to speak.)

3. We will take up to 10 minutes for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. If there are more comments, we will provide additional time at the end of the meeting for an additional 30 minutes.
4. The Trustees will not be able to engage in dialogue with you, but they will make sure that you are contacted at a later time to answer any questions you may have.
5. If you have not already been introduced to the Board, please state your name and address before you begin.
6. We thank you for coming to this meeting and for your interest in the Arapahoe Library District.

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES No. 838: Bill Shaw moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 board meeting. Liz Nichols seconded and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of \$475,000 for adding an ADA exit door/ramp and repairing the storm drain at Koelbel. The vendor is unknown at this time, pending bids.

Scott Bodfish moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Liz Nichols seconded, and the motion passed.

FINANCIALS: Jennifer Mahin reviewed the financials with the trustees.

Liz Nichols moved to accept the Financials as presented. Steve Oliver seconded, and the motion passed. Approval of the Financials means:

- Acceptance of the Statement of Revenue and Expense
- Acceptance of the Balance Sheet

Scott Bodfish expressed concern about coming in under budget for staff training. Oli Sanidas responded that ALD has historically been under budget in that category, so the budget can be tightened up or leadership can intentionally make more time and effort to spend the budget.

Theresa Mehringer asked why the Leadership Academy expense was included in the project fund rather than the operational fund. Oli explained that ALD's philosophy for the project fund is that it includes one-time expenses, which is what Leadership Academy initially was thought to be.

SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION: Attorney Beth Dauer explained that this is the standard resolution that needs to be signed every year. Katie Schroeder moved

to approve the resolution as presented. Theresa Mehringer seconded, and the motion passed.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Katie Schroeder reported that she is working on the trustee retreat and will send an email to the board with potential dates in May.

Katie also reported that she is considering attending the PLA conference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Oli Sanidas reported on some of the trainings and committee meetings he attends. He also reported that he had heard legislation SB-24-049 may be dead in committee. Beth Dauer responded that it may be dead in committee, but a similar bill has been proposed.

Oli stated that information was discovered that General Sheridan, after whom Sheridan Library was named, may not have had a history consistent with ALD's values. He asked the board if they would agree to asking a historian to put together a report about General Sheridan and present it at a future board meeting. Based on the report, ALD can determine how to open discussions with the Sheridan community about the name. The board agreed that ALD can proceed with finding a historian who can present information on this topic.

Oli reported that work has begun on finding a name for the Admin Building, which is being remodeled. A survey was sent to staff for name ideas. The Executive Team will review the ideas and can either choose the name and present it to the board or present options to the board for them to choose from. Katie Schroeder responded that she would like community involvement in the naming of the building. Theresa Mehringer added that if ALD chooses to engage the community in the naming process, the options can be presented to the community for a vote and the results presented to the board to make the final decision. Oli noted that one challenge with engaging the community could be developing accurate messaging with enough context about the future purpose of the building since it is not intended to be a typical library. Theresa asked why timing for choosing a name is an issue so early in the renovation process and Jessica Sidener responded that the permit for the monument sign cannot be submitted without a name and the permit approval process is slow. In the past, signage permits for other ALD buildings have taken years to get approval. Liz Nichols noted that she does not want to hold up the permitting process. Jennifer Mahin stated that the team can find out if the signage permit can be separated from the building permit to prevent a delay in construction.

The board decided that if construction on the building will not be delayed without a chosen name, they would like to involve the community in the naming process. Jessica stated that if the community is involved, ALD's external PR

agency will be consulted to make sure the process is thorough and done well. If taking extra time to involve the community in the naming process will hold up construction, ALD will choose a name internally. It was discussed that naming some of the spaces inside the building can involve the community.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT: Attorney Beth Dauer stated that everything in the report had been discussed earlier in the meeting and there was nothing additional to discuss.

PRESENTATION: SMART CITIES CONFERENCE/AI: Oli Sanidas presented on the Smart Cities World Congress held in Barcelona, Spain, an international gathering of smart cities with approximately 38,000 attendees. The conference included a trade show and paneled sessions. The USA had a small booth at the tradeshow because the country relies on private businesses to invest, whereas other countries have a lot more investment from cities. Oli felt learning how other countries create a digital twin of their cities that presents data in way that can help innovate toward solving community issues was especially impactful to him.

Oli said may speak at next year's USA booth about why libraries partnering with smart cities is important.

Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology, noted that libraries are providing a forum/venue for the Colorado Smart Cities Alliance members to meet. ALD is testing out a product that was part of the C2 challenge, which was a contest for innovative solutions to community problems. The product that ALD is trying out is called Snowbotix, which is a robotic snow plow and it will be tested at Koelbel Library. ALD is also piloting a product that will assist blind and visually impaired patrons with orienting themselves within the library using Bluetooth beacons.

Oli explained that ALD intends to start identifying the problems that are attempting to be solved and relying on vendors to innovate solutions rather than relying on ourselves to be able to identify and articulate the solutions we are seeking and requesting proposals of existing solutions from vendors.

ALD would like to host a challenge for innovation partnering with Smart Cities Alliance to help facilitate.


ALD will also create an internal cohort of staff who are interested in Artificial Intelligence to collaborate on how they are currently using AI and ways to utilize it in the future to make work more efficient as well as educate patrons on how to use it.

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: Cynthia Kiyotake, Associate Director of Library Operations, highlighted some board stories of how staff helped patrons and programs that have recently been offered to patrons that helped build human connection.

There being no further business, Scott Bodfish moved to adjourn, Liz Nichols seconded and Katie Schroeder adjourned at 7:53 pm.

26/03/2024

Date Approved


Liz Nichols (Mar 26, 2024 08:32 EDT)

Liz Nichols, Secretary






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