

NEW ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, May 23, 2016

Haina Just-Michael, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The following members of the Board and Administration were present or excused.

BOARD MEMBERS

Haina Just-Michael, President
Charles Burke, Vice President
Quentin Jacobs, Secretary
Damon Maher
Gregory T. Varian
Dierdra Clark
Yadira Ramos-Herbert

ADMINISTRATION

Thomas Geoffino
Jean Manning
Mary Kane Pasacreta

WLS REPRESENTATIVE

LaRuth Gray (excused)

HR&A PRESENTATION:

Vice President Chuck Burke made the introductory remarks regarding the HR&A staff presenters (Shuprotim Bhaumik and Justin Schultz) and the scope of their public presentation.

Shuprotim and Justin detailed the credentials of HR&A relative to this assignment – the firm functions as a “real estate and economic development consulting firm working at the intersection of the public and private sector. Our work transforms communities and revitalizes urban areas. HR&A has advised a variety of institutions and developers in the New York area on real estate decisions.” The presentation included a review of the current state of New Rochelle Public Library (including key service statistics) and compared such information to NRPL’s peer Westchester County public libraries. HR&A articulated its vision for “next steps” for this process consisting of:

- + Gather stakeholder and public input.
- + Research modern library best practices.
- + Analyze options for library
- + Develop strategic direction for library’s future success

Chuck Burke recapped the future in relation to Library Board next steps in the development process by announcing that a public survey, in English and Spanish, would be made available to New Rochelle residents in house (via electronic and paper formats) as well as our website. Publicity via press releases and social media will be utilized to highlight this effort in order to obtain the most inclusive result possible. Chuck declared that this survey will by no means end the public input about this crucial issue but merely function as another element in the Board’s ongoing desire to encourage meaningful dialogue between itself and the community.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The following individuals spoke during this time:

Maxine Golub	98 Bayberry Lane
Sharon Footes	162 Clinton Avenue
Robin Anderson	67 President Street
Donna Harris-West	74 Chatsworth Place

Jennifer Minto Hinton	17 Green Place
David Peters	112 Chauncey Avenue
Michael Yellin	38 Lakeside Drive
Lourdes Font	76 Vaughn Avenue
Dan Miller	14 Lakeside Drive
Marjorie Sachs	14 Lakeside Drive
Maggie Radke	41 Clinton Place
Jay Wegimont	40 Memorial Highway
Lorraine Karl	15 Summit Avenue
Peggy Godfrey	29 Bayview Avenue
Lynn McCormick	mccormlynn1@gmail.com
Lisa Burton	lisaburton48@gmail.com
David Patterson	31 French Ridge

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Damon Maher moved that the meeting go into Executive Session at 8:35 pm for the purposes of discussing the proposed acquisition, sale or lease or real property with the understanding that publicity would substantially affect the value thereof. Seconded by Haina Just-Michael and approved. Executive Session ended at 10:14 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin Jacobs
Secretary