

**NEW ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday August 11, 2016**

Haina Just-Michael, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Charles Burke, Jr, President
Gregory T. Varian, Vice President
Dierdra Gray Clark, Secretary (absent)
Haina Just-Michael
Quentin S. Jacobs
Damon Maher
Yadira Ramos-Herbert

ADMINISTRATION

Thomas Geoffino
Jean Manning
Mary Kane Passacreta

WLS REPRESENTATIVE

LaRuth Gray (absent)

SPECIAL BUSINESS: NY STATE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS APPROVAL

Relative to our upcoming FY2016/17 New York State Library Construction Grant application for funding support in the replacement of the Main Library Theater HVAC, the following action was taken:

Motion was made by Quentin Jacobs to agree to the assurances as stipulated by the New York State Education Department in relation to the New York State Library Construction Grant applications for the Main Library Theater HVAC Project, seconded by Chuck Burke and approved.

Motion was made by Chuck Burke to submit the Smart Growth Impact Statement as required by the New York State Education Department in relation to the New York State Library Construction Grant applications for the Main Library Theater HVAC Project, seconded by Haina Just-Michael and approved.

Motion was made by Quentin Jacobs to declare that the Main Library Theater HVAC Project qualifies as State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Type II actions thus classifying the proposed restorations and use of the above land as requiring no further review under SEQRA and its implementing regulations, seconded by Chuck Burke and approved.

Relative to our upcoming FY2016/17 New York State Library Construction Grant application for funding support in the Huguenot Children's Library (HCL) Window Replacement Project, the following action was taken:

Motion was made by Greg Varian to agree to the assurances as stipulated by the New York State Education Department in relation to the New York State Library Construction Grant applications for the HCL Window Replacement Project, seconded by Chuck Burke and approved.

Motion was made by Chuck Burke to submit the Smart Growth Impact Statement as required by the New York State Education Department in relation to the New York State Library Construction Grant applications for the HCL Window Replacement Project, seconded by Yadira Ramos-Herbert and approved.

Motion was made by Greg Varian to declare that the HCL Window Replacement Project qualifies as State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Type II actions thus classifying the proposed restorations and use of the above land as requiring no further review under SEQRA and its implementing regulations, seconded by Chuck Burke and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Downtown Redevelopment: Chuck Burke provided an update regarding issues tied to downtown redevelopment. As previously indicated at the July meeting, there are no conversations currently underway with RDRXR despite HR&A completion of its Phase 1 consulting effort. Currently, the Board is continuing to examine its options in regards to “next steps” in this effort. HR&A previously presented the Board with Phase 2 of its work plan but the Board has decided to explore the possibility of working with another consultant, U3 Advisors, regarding Phase 2 and possibly additional work beyond this particular phase. Chuck noted that the recently arrived U3 Advisors revised proposal was not radically different (in comparison to the HR&A document) specific to price but depicted a different approach to the effort. As articulated previously, the goal is to select one of the consultant’s proposals that will allow RDRXR to agree to entirely finance this effort within the context of a MOU between the library and RDRXR. Conversation ensued regarding issues surrounding the valuation of the library and its property as well as the potential costs related to the rebuilding of our library.

Additional conversations occurred between Board members (and members of the public) regarding redevelopment issues occurred during the following Public Discussion section of the meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The following individuals spoke during this time:

Peggy Godfrey	29 Bayview Avenue
Lorraine Karl	15 Summit Avenue
Marjorie Sachs	14 Lakeside Drive
David Paterson	31 French Ridge

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Tom Geoffino reported on the following issues:

+ Summer Programming - Per Barbara Davis, total program attendance for July was 5,720 (not including computer and ESL classes.) The attendance is about the same as last year, possibly slightly more for the workshops for children and teens.

+ Summer Reading Game – Per Kathy Cronin, 753 children registered (including 369 families) with 8214 books read. These statistics are similar to 2015 Summer Reading Game usage.

All program information reported is incomplete as these summer programming/reading game efforts are still ongoing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:41 pm, Chuck Burke moved to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing negotiation strategy relative to RDRXR, seconded by Damon Maher and approved. Executive Session ended at 9:27 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dierdra Clark

Secretary