



Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Library Advisory Committee

Date: 09/12/2024
Time: 5:30pm
Minutes prepared by: Chrissy Harrington
Location: Robert Trail Library

Attendance:

- MaryJanice Alongi District 1
- Kevin Hendricks District 2
- Robin Cerio District 3
- Kari Cahn District 4
- Rien Harms District 5
- Lynette Cargill District 6
- Patricia Schoenecker District 7
- Shefali Meagher At-Large Youth
- Charlie Schubert At-Large Youth
- Jennifer Reichert Simpson Deputy Director
- Heather Stephenson Assistant Library Director
- Terry Rumpza Branch Manager Robert Trail Library
- Trish Bremer Capital Project Management Dakota County
- Jay Biedny Capital Project Management Dakota County
- Joseph Bower LEO A DALY
- Tanner Patrick LEO A DALY

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Robin Cerio at 5:29pm. There was one person from the public that was in attendance but wish not to speak just came to observe.

Consent Agenda

- The Consent agenda from May 9th, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.
- Committee Members asked if the library could add on the Self-Service hours attendance to the Statistical Reports.

Robert Trail Library: Branch Manager Terry Rumpza

- Terry Rumpza gave an update on the solar car port construction, all construction should be finish by November 2024.
- The new solar panel canopy will produce 94 percent of the building energy.
- There have been security updates for library due to the new Self-Service hours.
- All lights in the library have changed over to LED, patron's and staff has notice the difference.
- Staff has remained consistent over the last five years.
- Attendance for the library was down 5 percent over the summer due the parking lot canopy project.

Presentation on Wentworth Schematic Design

- Joe Bower and Tanner Patrick from LEO A DALY came to present the new interior design of the Wentworth Library.
- Joe Bower showed the committee how the updated interior will have better flow and easier site lines throughout the library.
- Joe Bower also stated that LEO A DALY took into account the feedback they received at the open house that was held for the public on August 30th 2024.
- The Dakota County Board of Commissioners will review and vote on the schematic design.
- The Wentworth Library will be closed throughout this project. The library is considering temporary holds pick up and materials return location.
- Construction is expected to begin in 2025. Timeline is subject to change as the project is developed.

Director's Report

- Jennifer Reichert Simpson shared an update on the Strategic Planning.

- There were 11,563 survey responses, the strategic planning committee read every response and reflected on every conversation.
- The input gathered at 38 community events and conversations with target groups.
- This started a process to identify themes from the community input.
- Community input themes include:
- The library is a loved and used resource.
- The library has many services and offerings that most of the public are not aware of.
- Different people use the library in various ways here are some examples.
- Families consider the library a safe space for themselves and their families.
- Teens enjoy the flexibility of the library spaces.
- Representation and belonging are significant for immigrants and communities of color.
- Free and easy access to technology is vital to many.
- Five Dakota County Library locations are Naloxone Access Points where individuals can pick up Naloxone and fentanyl test strip kits. Naloxone is a life-saving medication to help reverse opioid overdoses. Current Library locations include:
- Burnhaven Library
- Kaposia Library
- Farmington Library
- Pleasant Hill Library
- Wentworth Library

Updates from Committee Members

- Lynette Cargill let everyone know about upcoming Book Sale at the Heritage Library on September 19-22, 2024.
- Kevin Hendricks let everyone know about the upcoming Book Sale at the Wentworth Library on November 9-11, 2024.

Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 6:40pm

Adjournment/Next Meeting

Date: November 14, 2024

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Wescott Library Egan