

Rock Island Public Library Board Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2023, at 11:00 am
Watts-Midtown Library, Conference Room

Call to Order: Pat Mahar called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Attendance: Jo Noon, Jenni Swanson, Jacki Nelson; Kathy Lelonek, Foundation Director; Rachel Ippolito, Watts-Midtown Public Services Coordinator; Malachi Kohlwey, Business Office & Facilities Director.

Absent: RIPL Board Members - Eudell Watts III, Deborah Freiburg, Dr. Yolanda Grandberry Pugh; Milan-Blackhawk Area Public Library District Board Member - Elizabeth Bouslough; Angela Campbell, Library Director.

Public Comment: The public had the opportunity to comment in person. No comment was received.

New Business:

1. Watts-Midtown Library
 - a. Outside Space
 - i. Terrace Furniture
 - ii. Landscaping/Garden Beds (Wild Ones of the Quad Cities)
 - iii. Other Ideas?
 - The Building & Grounds Committee discussed and advised the Library to proceed with procuring Terrace Furniture through Demco with minor adjustments. Additionally, the committee discussed potential partnerships and volunteering opportunities for landscaping at the Watts-Midtown Library.
2. Downtown Library Renovations
 - a. Timeline
 - b. Funding
 - c. Moving Children's Library
 - d. Potential lease options for outside organizations
 - The Building & Grounds Committee discussed the potential renovation of the Downtown Library and advised the Library to pursue writing an RFQ for an architect to redesign the Library.
3. South Parking Lot

**Represents a potential voting item.*

- The Building & Grounds Committee discussed the progress of finalizing the purchase of the South Parking Lot.

Adjournment: The meeting was Adjourned at 11:40 am