

Rock Island Public Library Board Art Committee Meeting Minutes

May 01, 2023, at 04:00 pm
Watts-Midtown Library, Conference Room

Call to Order: Elizabeth Russell called the meeting to order at 04:17 pm.

Attendance: Elizabeth Russell, Eudell Watts III; Angela Campbell, Library Director; Malachi Kohlwey, Business Office & Facilities Director.

Absent: RIPL Board Members – Pat Mahar; Milan-Blackhawk Area Public Library District Board Members – Tari Weeks and Bill Favri

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

New Business:

1. Donation and placement of Jim Moore painting at Watts-Midtown.
 - The Art Committee discussed the Jim Moore painting and its potential placement at Watts-Midtown. The Committee recommends that the Library Board accept the donation and approve hanging it at the Watts-Midtown Library.
2. Review art-related policies:
 - a. Displayed Art Policy & Application
 - b. Donation Policy
 - The Art Committee discussed the policies and recommended that the policies are maintained as currently written.
3. Discussion:
 - a. Purpose of the Art Committee (soon to be Art & Facilities Committee)
 - b. Showing Art – Who, what, where, when, why, and how?
 - c. Selling Art – Who, what, where, when, why, and how?
 - d. Hiring a Curator – Pros/Cons
 - e. Insurance – How? For all locations?
 - The Art Committee discussed the potential merger of the Art and Building and Grounds Committees and recommended the merger and creation of the Art & Facilities Committee. Additionally, the Art Committee discussed the process of displaying art, and the Committee

**Represents a potential voting item.*

advised that the Displayed Art Application provides patrons the opportunity to submit requests to the Library to display their art.

4. Recommendations to the Full Board at the May 16th meeting:
 - The Art Committee recommends accepting and placing the Jim Moore painting at the Watts-Midtown Library. Additionally, the Art Committee recommends that the Displayed Art Policy and Application and the Donation Policy are maintained as currently written.

Adjournment: The meeting was Adjourned at 04:27 pm