



WEST CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Strategic Planning Committee

West Chicago Public Library Board

May 12, 2022

12:00 P.M.

Program Room

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Diane Kelsey, Omar Nunez, Ben Weseloh (remote), Jenny Winter, Pat Weninger

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2022 was made by Ben and seconded by Diane. Motion passed unanimously.

D. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No public.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

F. AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

None



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H. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT:

Pat Weninger

Pat reported on the information that was shared with the board regarding the possible need to extend the completion timeline.

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion of staff responses

The committee considered the input of the staff. The staff were asked to evaluate the current strategic plan and give their suggestions as to how it could be improved upon. It was decided that we should look for common themes that appeared across all departments. Overall, the staff expressed a desire for a clearly stated plan that was measurable and that would make the most impact. They had several recommendations which included: outreach, to be more creative in programming both within the library and in the community, to offer a wider array of technological services, to utilize space more efficiently.

b. Review of input from community focus groups.

Jenny and Diane reported that the community leader focus groups provided many creative ideas. They had many positive things to say about the library and also offered several suggestions. They would like to see more outreach, suggested having more youth programs, and had suggestions as to creative ways their respective groups could interact and benefit from library programs. In some instances it appears that the focus groups were not aware of some of the current programs or the many ways the library participates in community events.

c. Writing the plan

The committee considered the data / feedback from the various groups and based on those responses feel that the strategic plan needs to be clear, specific and with measurable goals. The committee feels that can best be accomplished by breaking the data into three major measurable goal areas: 1) Space 2) Outreach 3) Education / Access. Each goal would have a short description with measurable short term, achievable sub goals.

The committee developed a list of things to be included in the plan and incorporate them into one of the three goal areas: developing a makerspace, reconfiguring the computer areas and developing more study areas.

d. Review of tasks / timeline for completion

Pat Weninger

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.