

**JOINT VILLAGE-LIBRARY MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
CARDINAL ROOM**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 8:30 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees: Baldino,
Dunnington, LaBedz, Grasse, Bertucci

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees: Schwingbeck, Shirley, Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Library Board President Amy Somary, Trustees
Greg Zyck, Jennifer Borrell, and Stacey Kelly,
Treasurer Sarah Galla, Executive Director Mike
Driskell, Assistant Director Dana Revilla,
Communications and Marketing Director Sasha
Vasilic, Executive Assistant Janet Moravec, and
Administrative Assistant Teresa Katsogianos

SUBJECTS:

Citizens to be Heard

Library Items of Interest to Share

Village Items of Interest to Share

Other Topics for Discussion

Adjournment

Library Board President Amy Somary called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Presidents Hayes and Somary made introductory comments commending the level of intergovernmental cooperation present in Arlington Heights.

Citizens to be Heard

No comments

Library Topics of Interest

Executive Director Driskell began his presentation by highlighting recent awards that the Library had won recently including being a 5-star library for 11 years running, being named best library in the recent Daily Herald readers' poll, and high marks in the Village's National Community Survey. He then conducted a tour of the newly updated Kids' World area of the Library. The many improvements were highlighted.

Driskell went on to discuss the Library's 2023-26 Strategic Plan components. Next, he discussed the new 24/7 hold pickup lockers that have been installed to allow residents to get items at all hours that they have pre-ordered.

Lastly, he discussed the current and potential partnerships in the community including various events and the Community Connections workgroup and the potential of new Village Staff visits/talks and the sale of yard stickers in the Library.

Village Topics of Interest

Village Manager Recklaus thanked the Library for being such a good partner. He provided an update on the Village's new 2024-25 Strategic Priorities, the Arlington Racetrack Development Discussions, the 2023 community survey, changes to summer events, provided an update on the Enterprise Resource Planning Software replacement process, and highlighted recent Joint Village-Library efforts including the Community Connections Group.

After the presentation, Trustees from both boards asked clarifying questions on the Chicago Bears discussions, the potential expansion of bicycle lanes within the Village, and the success of the Village's electric vehicle charging stations in the Vail parking garage. Staff indicated that they would work together to explore potential additional joint programming and explore the possibility of selling yard waste stickers, and the Village Staff sharing information with the Library Staff about their experiences with charging stations as the Library explores the possibility in the coming year.

President Somary adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am