



**Flint Public Library**  
**Finance and Budget Committee**  
**September 23, 2021 5:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom as permitted by law**

**Reports**

*Directors Report and Capital Projects update*

Director Schwartz reported on the following:

- The State of Michigan, from a recommendation from State Senator Jim Ananich and the local Flint delegation, made an appropriation in the State's fiscal year 21-22 budget of \$250,000 to the Flint Public Library for the Capital Campaign. All are very excited about this appropriation and thanked Senator Ananich for his work on behalf of the library.
- We have several large donations in process. If all come to fruition, we will be very close to meeting our goal for the capital campaign.
- Staff toured 1026 E. Kearsley Street and was very excited to see the status of the building. It is becoming real for everyone involved that we will be moving into the renovated building by the end of the calendar year.
- Mrs. Palmer and Director Schwartz met with OPN and Clark at the bi weekly OAC (Owner, Architect, construction Manager) meeting this afternoon on site. OPN was in Flint and on site for their monthly visit. They began the punch lists for the construction manager; another sign the project is rapidly moving to completion. Discussion occurred regarding the logistics behind the certificate of occupancy as we work toward that goal. Mr. Richardson asked how long the builder's risk policy was in effect. Mrs. Palmer reported that the policy is in force until November 30. The policy can be extended if necessary.
- We are finalizing the detail for the installation of security gates to prevent the theft of materials from the collection. The RFID tagging project is complete.

*Board Report*

Mr. Larkin asked the committee for their comments on their recent tour of 1026 E. Kearsley Street. Mr. Watchorn replied that the residents of the City of Flint will certainly appreciate and love the building. Everything seen in the original fly through videos are reflected in the final design. The renovated building will surely help the library retain and attract talented employees.

Mr. Richardson stated this was his second time through the renovated building. He was very impressed the facility looks terrific. He noted the impact of the windows and how you can now see from one end of the space to the other to the outside providing an expansive view. Mr. Richardson was impressed with the staff spaces. The impact of working in such a space will help our talented staff continue to provide excellent service and allow us to not only retain staff as mentioned but will also attract additional talented employees to the Library.

Mr. Larkin called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Watchorn made the motion and Mr. Schlinker seconded. Mr. Larkin called for a vote, all in attendance voting aye, no nays or abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Palmer

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