



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Meeting Called to order at 5:01 PM

Present: Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey, Araysa Simpson, Jess Thill, Mac Kiel, Katie Bittner, Aaron Engel, Ross Seymour

Absent: Erin Raymus

Staff: Shanneon Grant, Dawn Wacek, Barry McKnight, Cole Zrostlik, Danny Whitmore, Elaine Petersen, Anita Doering, Brooke Newberry

Agenda Items

1. Review Strategic Plan Draft

Director Shanneon Grant presented a draft of the Library's new, long-range strategic plan. The document is the result of community and staff engagement activities facilitated by Library Strategies consultants over the past five months. Consultants were pleased with the level of community participation through surveys, focus groups, and interviews.

Before coming to the Board for fine tuning, the plan draft was vetted and revised by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. With goals and strategies broadly pointing the Library forward, the plan provides flexibility through implementation, accommodating a changing community over the next 3-5 years.

Ms. Grant led the Board through proposed changes to the Library's mission and vision statement. The plan's four goal statements and supporting strategies were also reviewed. Goals included extending the Library's visibility and reach throughout the community, nurturing La Crosse's diversity, focusing on equitable services by re-envisioning existing spaces, and retaining/training exceptional staff. Library Board members asked questions, clarified language, and offered suggestions. A final draft including recommended edits will be provided ahead of next week's regular meeting.

2. Schedule 2024 Board Retreat

February 17, 2024—Save the date!

Adjournment at 6:15 PM

