

EAST PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Present: M. Marcotte, Chair: P. Armstrong, K. Dias, E. Ingraham, D. Paiva

Excused: C. LaRoux, P. Silva

Staff: J. May, Assistant Director; M. Carlozzi, Director by telephone

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Marcotte at 4:32 pm.

The Patron Conduct Policy was discussed specifically in reference to an updated mask policy and was approved by unanimous vote, proposed by Ms. Dias and seconded by Ms. Armstrong.

FY 2021 Budget: Many aspects of the upcoming City budget were discussed especially the fact that the City cannot cut line items. The City may ask for a percentage to be cut. Possible cut topics included:

- Personnel lay-offs – eliminating p.t. vacant position

- Utilities

- Sunday closure – avoid 1 ½ time pay. Such a move will affect the public.

- Some materials – also affecting the public.

Ms. Armstrong stated that “under no circumstances should we consider closing Fuller”. It was suggested that during this time of crisis, we might allow the public to use Fuller as a meeting space for a limited time. Such a consideration would be a value to the City. Library administration will write a use policy for Fuller for the current Covid-19 environment as Fuller has not been open for community meetings since its inception. It was agreed that when the Library Budget is complete, we will need to meet in August before the Director retires.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm by motion of Ms. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Paiva.